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## Murphy briefs Shevardnadze on peace plan

MOSCOW (R) — A senior U.S. official Friday hnefed Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze on Secretary of State George Shuitz's Middle East peace mission, the official news agency TASS said. But the report said differences remained in the superpowers' approaches to the Middle East problem after the talks between Assistant Secretary of State Middle East expert, informed Shevardnadze of Shultz's recent 10-day Middle East expert, informed Snevaranadze of Snutz's recent 10-day Middle East peace shunle and U.S. proposals for peace in the region, TASS said. Shevardnadze questioned Murphy about the American approach to a withdrawal of Israeli troops from the occupied Arab territories, TASS said. Shevardnadze also repeated the Sovieties was larger to the peated the sovieties was larger to the peated to "the only realistic way lowards a comprehensive settlement lay through the convocation of an international conference." TASS said. It said the superpowers would continue discussing the Middle East when Shevard-nadze visits Washington March 22-23.

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AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan, along with Arah and Islamic countries, will celebrate Al Israa Wal Mi'raj (the anniversary marking the Prophet Mohammad's nocturnal journey and ascension to heaven) Wednesday, March 16, an official announcement by the Prime Ministry said Friday. All government depart-ments and public institutions will be closed on the day.

#### Arab panel starts tours tomorrow

TUNIS (Petra) - An Arab League ministerial committee entrusted with following up and supporting the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories will Monday start a tonr of five permanent member states of the U.N. Security Council, Arab League sources said Friday. London will be the first leg in the committee's tour aimed at explaining the Arah stand towards the Palestinian problem and the Palestinian uprising.

#### Greece: No recognition for Israel

ATHENS (AP) - Premier Andreas Papandreou Friday ruled out the possibility of establishing full diplomatic relations with Israel because of the Zionist state's handling of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories. Addressing parliament in a foreign policy debate that mainly focused on Greek-Turkish relations, Papandreon said it "would have been useful to have full diplomatic relations with Israel" before Greece assumed the presidency of the European Com-munity in July. But we deeply, regret that we want do so after the recent treatment that the state of Israel reserved for the Palestinians," Papandreou told the 300-member body.

## Syrians detain...

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian officials have arrested Salati Salah, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) representative in Lebanon, a Palestinian leader said Friday. George Habash, leader . of . the. Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), told Reuters Salah was detained Wednesday. He had apparently been held at Masnaa on the border while travelling to Damascus but Habash said be had no firm details. He said the PFLP was trying to secure his release.

#### 20 said killed in Libyan stadium collapse

VALLETA (AP) - A wall collapsed in the central sports stadium in the Lihyan capital of . Tripoli, killing at least 29 soccer fans, reports said Friday. Newspapers in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, carried a report from the Yngoslav state news agency Tanjug in Tripoli quoting witnesses as saying panic broke out at the stadium when the wall collapsed during a soccer match between Libya and Malta Thursday night.

## Goria resigns

ROME (R) — Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Goria Friday announced his resignation to a cahinet meeting, officials said. Goria, who heads Italy's 47th government since World War II. had gone immediately to hand his resignation to President Francesco Cossiga, they added.

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# 300 Palestinians quit Israeli police

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — About 300 Palestinian members of the Israeli police force in the occupied West Bank announced their resignation Friday in protest against the Israeli occupation, police sources said.

An army spokesman confirmed that at least 60 Arab policemen had quit in the area of the West Bank south of Jerusalem.

The mass resignations came a day after the underground leadership of a 13-week-old Palestinian uprising, in a leaflet in the name of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), called on all Palestinians serving in the Israeli police to resign.

Sources quoted by Renter said the 300 policemen submitted indi-

vidual resignation forms Friday. There was no similar group action in the northern part of the West Bank or the Gaza Strip, although a handful of Palestinian policemen had quit in each area during the week, they said.

Earlier this week, a Palestinian policeman was stabbed and beaten to death during the night near, his bome in the Jericho refugee camp.

It was the second killing in a

In the village of Bidiya, near Nahlus, troops demolished three houses Friday belonging to residents accused of setting fire to the home of a suspected collaborator last weekend and arrested 3g suspects, an army spokesman

Israeli military censors sup-pressed the report of the arson attack for nearly a week. The Israeli army blocked off some cities in the occupied terri-

tories to media coverage during noon prayers Friday. Move against worshipers The mufti of Jerusalem issued a statement lashing ont at Israel for

blocking some mosques from worshipers, raiding others, and confiscating loudspeakers used to summon Palestinians to prayer. The mufti, Sheikh Sadeddin Al Alami, called on worshipers "to

defend the mosques by all possible means despite the attackers." month of an Arab accused of The army destroyed one home collaborating with the Israeli overnight in Hebron. 30 kilometres south of Jerusalem and three others in Biddya, 45 kilometres northwest of Jeru-

In Hehron, the destroyed home where 22 Palestinians live belooged to Ahmad Mahmoud Abdullah Kawasmeh, 57, wbose 22-year-old son is accused of knifing an Israeli settler from nearby Kiryat Arba five months ago in

Jerusalem. "The soldiers came. They woke us about 11:30 at night and ordered us out of the house," Kawasmeh told the Associated

"I said, but my son bas not even been tried yet.' But it did not make any difference." he

The latest demolitions brought to 14 the number of Palestinian homes destroyed by Israeli troops since the uprising began in the territories more than three months ago, the Palestine Press Service (PPS) said.

The army turned back journalists from Hehron and Nahlus, but the clampdown was not as severe as last Friday, when roadblocks prevented journalists from entering nearly all major cities, towns and refugee camps in the West Bank.

In Hehron, about 10 Israeli settlers with rifles slung over their (Continued on page 5)

## King, Mubarak discuss U.S. proposals

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein held talks Friday in Cairo with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on the latest developments in the Middle East and the new American plan for

peace in the region. The King, who flew to Cairo earlier in the day, beld a closed meeting with Muharak before being joined by senior officials from both sides.

The Jordanian side to the talks included Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. On the Egyptian side, Prime Minister Atef Sidki, Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid, several other cabinet members and Muharak's advisor, Osama Al Baz, attended the talks.

The King and the delegation accompanying him were expected to return home late Friday. Jordan News Agency, Petra said the King's talks with Muharak came "within the context of the continuous coordination and consultation between the two leaders designed to unify Arab ranks and push peace efforts forward."

The Kiog has already held talks with leaders of Syria, Iraq and Kuwait on Washington's peace proposals that were prompted by the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and

Reports said the King sought a united Arab stand hefore regional leaders present a clear reply to Washington's peace proposals by mid-March.

#### Talks with Assad

The King paid a brief working visit to Damascus Thursday and held two rounds of talks with President Hafez Al Assad. The first meeting was attended by senior officials on both sides while the second was between the two leaders alone,

HM King Hussein



Hosni Mubarak

developments, the Palestinian uprising and means of bolstering the steadfastness of the Arah people under Israeli rule. Upon bis departure from Damascus the King sent a cable to Assad "expressing appreciation for his efforts to serve the Arah Nation and referring with satisfaction to the outcome of the

comprehensive talks which be said came as part of continuing

consultation and coordination between Syria and Jordan to serve

Arah causes," Petra said. The King said he was deeply gratified with the analysis he and Assad made of the situation in the Middle East in light of the Palestinian uprising and international initiatives and wished the president continued health and the Syrian people more progress

Petra said the King and the president discussed Middle East

and prosperity. Petra said.

## Shamir slams Shultz plan, scoffs at possible U.S. pressure

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - Israeli tion government, contends that progress. Some U.S. Jewish lead-Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir an international conference is a ers have also criticised Shamir's dle East peace Friday and said

pressure would not budge him.

In an interview with the independent Israeli daily Haaretz he attacked a plan submitted by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz for an international Middle East peace conference and a speedy start to Arab-Israeli talks.

"The document is unwieldy, clumsy, imposing the shortest of timetables and containing nothing to assure the peace or security of Israel," he said. .
"The whole thing is an attempt

to satisfy the Arabs, my opposition to an international peace conference is unequivocal... the only thing about the Shultz document I accept is his signature." Shamir, who leads the rightwing Likud bloc in Israel's coali-

announced Friday.

Congress last year.

decision on litigation.

move might then be considered.

reference to the World Court.

New York.

U.S. announces decision

UNITED NATIONS (R) - The United States will close the Palestine

Liberation Organisation's (PLO) U.N. mission, regardless of any

treaty obligation to the world body, U.S. delegate Herbert Okun

Okun informed Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar of the

If the PLO did not comply, he said, U.S. Attorney General Edwin

Meese would initiate legal action to close the mission on or about March 21, the deadline set in "anti-terrorist" legislation enacted by

At a special meeting of the U.N. General Assembly last week, the case was referred to the World Court to determine whether the United

States is obligated to accept binding arbitration.

This was provided for in the 1947 agreement between the United

Nations and the United States which established U.N. beadquarters in

Perez de Cuellar proposed recourse to arbitration earlier this year and nominated a U.N. representative for a three-member panel. The

United States ignored his request that it name a member also.

In his letter Friday, Okun said the United States believed that to

submit the matter to arbitration "would not serve a useful purpose."

take actions beyond legal measures to close the mission pending a

U.N. sources took this to mean that neither U.S. federal nor New

York City authorities would move to bar the mission, which is on 65th

Street in Manhattan, or eject PLO staff who live and work there.

The townhouse was purchased for about \$1 million some 13 years

ago and now is valued at \$4.5 million, Zehdi Labib Terzi, the PLO

delegate, told Renters.

The United States decision, which had long been expected in part

because of political pressures in a presidential election year, is expected to bring the case back to the General Assembly.

early as next Tuesday and that a resolution deploring the United States

Only Israel voted against last week's resolution calling for

rescinding of closure. It did not participate in the separate vote on the

The United States did not participate in either vote, but virtually all

of America's major allies supported both resolutions.

Some diplomats said the 159-nation body might be reconvened as

At the same time he said that the United States authorities would not

decision in a letter that he delivered personally prior to an expected announcement by the Justice Department in Washington.

to close PLO mission

withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Shamir, due to leave for the United States Sunday, told Haaretz the Americans would have to shuttle some more to come up with proposals acceptable to him.

We are talking about the destiny of our state. So what if it causes the Americans extra diplomatic hassle? It's a small matter for them, for us it's a question

of our fate." Sbamir's stand seemed likely to anger a U.S. administration seen

as the most pro-Israel ever. Thirty senators regarded as staunch supporters of Israel wrote to Shuftz this week saying Shamir's refusal to trade territory

for peace was an obstacle to

Jewish settlers' leaders who met

the prime minister Friday told Israel Radio they feared American pressure would force him to back down. Shamir seemed unperturbed by

the prospect of a cold reception in Washington. "Pressure doesn't work on me," be told Haaretz. Speaking on army radio, Sba-

mir said although the current American plan was unacceptable, he favoured continued talks in the bope that alternative proposals could be found.

## Peres: 'Unrealistic' stand

Labour Party leader and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Shamir's coalition partner and political opponent, told Israel Radio the prime minister was being un-"The same letter Mr. Shultz

gave us was also given to the Arabs, and even if Shamir can convince Shultz he then has to convince the other sides," Peres

"Mr. Shultz has presented the plan as a package deal and it is no use harbouring any illusions ahout it," be said.

"I totally disagree with Mr. Shamir's statement that we can reach peace without giving np any territory. How can that be done? With whom are we going to achieve such a peace agreement? If we only needed to make peace with Jews I could understand." A poll conducted in a popular

majority of Israelis favoured Shultz's initiative. The poll, published in Friday's edition of the Hadasbot daily, said 46.2 per cent of Israelis questioned favoured the Shultz

Israeli newspaper showed that a

proposals and 36.7 per cent said they should be rejected. Reagan optimistic

In Washington, President Ronald Reagan said Thursday "a great element" of Israel's coalition government supports the U.S. peace plan and that he would urge Shamir to drop his objections to it.

"I believe that peace is inevitable," Reagan said in an interview. "We may bave some differences there as to how to achieve it, but I don't think anyone believes that we can go on just with a constant state of warfare and unrest (in the Middle East)." He criticised Israel's ban on media coverage of the Palestinian

uprising and the military's response in the occupied West

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## Andersson ends visit after talks on efforts for peace

By Najwa Najjar with agency dispatches

AMMAN — Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson left for Syria Friday ending a threeday visit during which be discussed with senior Jordanian officials efforts for peace in the Middle East and Swedisb-Jordanian relations.

Prior to his departure Friday, Andersson also beld talks on the new American plan for Arab-Israeli peace with three executive members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Reuters reported.

During his stay in the Kingdom, Andersson beld talks with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Foreign Minister Taher Masri. Andersson told a press conference Thursday that the talks covered trade relations and the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

The Swedish minister said the discussions also dealt with the American peace proposal. He quoted Masri as saying "there were some interesting points in the American prop-

Bishop Elia Khoury, one of the three PLO executive committee members Andersson met with, was reported as saying: "We talked about the pobtical situation in the region... we are men of peace, and we told him (Andersson) we are not going to give up," in an apparent reference to the ongoing uprising.

In his press conference Thorsday, Andersson reiterated his country's support for an international conference and for a PLO role.

"I am convinced there is no solution if the Palestinians are not part of negotiations and if they are not represented by the PLO as long as the Palestinians look on the PLO as their true representative. And they do; on this point I am quite sure.'

Andersson recalled that he had met with several Palestinian notables during his visit to the occupied territories last week. These Palestinians are 'ready to recognise Israel's right to live within secure bor-

ders, if they were given the same rights," he said. Israeli officials have "a deep distrust of the PLO." Andersson said and called for a 'change of attitude." He said he doubted Israel

could survive unless it accepted Palestinian rights.

## Tenuous truce takes hold in Iran-Iraq 'war of cities' tional border and any further

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq warplanes bombed Iraqi troop said it fired 11 missiles at Iranian cities Friday before its truce deadline, then held its fire, apparently getting the last shot in the latest "war of the cities." Iran said the tit-for-tat attacks ended Friday evening.

Iraqi missilemen fired eight rockets into Tehran, with the last at 3:44 p.m. (1244 GMT) just 16 minutes before the Iraqi deadand another three into the holy city of Qom, the Iraqi News air and missile raids. Agency (INA) said. Iraqi military communiques

called on Iran's rulers to observe the balt, saying, "if they desist, they will be sparing the blood of their people," and warned that if Tehran violated the truce:

"By God, we will make them taste bitter defeat, and we will deal them unprecedented, violent blows."

440 wounded. Iraq said its jets raided a tanker

in the Gulf and seven cities in Iran. Iran said civilians were killed. Maritime officials could not confirm the ship attack. There were no reports of Iranian missile attacks but Iran said

its artillery pounded Basra and

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said eight people were killed and 20 wounded, hringing the toll in missile attacks since Feb. 29 to 165 killed and

concentrations. Iraq said women and children

were killed in the shelling. Iraq has reported firing 59 missiles into Tehran in 12 days, while Iran said it launched 27 into Bagbdad. Iraq says many civilians

were killed but gave no figures. A war spokesman quoted by Tebran Radio said later Friday Iran had halted reprisal attacks after Baghdad ended

Itan earlier said it would balt its bombardments of Iraqi cities from 1330 GMT Thursday if Iraq reciprocated. The Iranians fired two missiles at Baghdad three hours after the Thursday deadline

following beavy Iraqi air raids. Both sides threatened to resume their deadly missile duel if either one broke the unofficial

## Iragi conditions

An Iraqi high command communique, issued a few minutes after Baghdad's announced ceasefire came into effect, called on Iran's leaders to adhere to the truce or "they will have chosen the path of complete destruction." It demanded Iran accept five conditions Baghdad announced

Thursday or the "war of the cities" would resume. The conditions included an end

and economic facilities used to feed Iran's war machine, which Iraq said were legitimate targets.

One covered the need to diffe-

rentiate between residential areas

strikes on civilian areas.

The latest war of the cities started after Iraqi bombers attacked an oil refinery on the outskirts of Tehran Feb. 27, followed by air raids on three other cities.

Iran hit back two days later with missile strikes on Baghdad. setting off a deadly series of rocket exchanges.

The truce had been arranged partly through the efforts of Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal. who announced that the two sides had agreed to it. Iran's premier. Hussein

Mousavi, said his nation agreed to the truce because the war should "take place chivalrously on the battlefield." Until late last month Iraq had never used long-range missiles against Tehran, which is 465

kilometres from the border between the two countries.

Iraq said the missile was home-But military analysts said the missile was a Soviet SCUD-B with strap-on boosters for extra range needed to reach Tehran. The standard SCUD-B has a

## Cordovez asks for clearer positions in Afghan talks

other southern Iraqi cities and its to aggression on Iraq's interna-

GENEVA (R) — U.N. mediator Diego Cordovez Friday urged Afghan and Pakistani delegations to Afghan peace talks to seek clearer mandates from their governments as a way of breaking an apparent deadlock on key issues.

"I have now asked both of them to please come back on Monday with strengthened instructions," Cordovez said after brief separate meetings with the The talks seek to secure the

withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan. They are stalemated over Pakistan's insistence that a new government replace the Soviet-hacked administration and on a U.S. demand that the Soviet Union ends military sup-

All sides have appeared to harden their positions during the second week of talks. One source close to the talks described the mood as had, with each side trying to shift responsibility for the apparent lack of progress.

Officially the talks are only between Afghanistan and Pakistan, which has well-armed guerrilla hases and some three million Afghan refugees on its soil. But the role of the superpowers has increased.

Moscow and Kabul accuse Kabul.

Pakistan of introducing new issues by asking for a new govern-ment to replace the present Afghan regime and are clearly hoping it will hack down.

But Zain Noorani, Pakistan's minister of state for foreign affairs, said: "It's not child's play that I can give up the question of an interim government like that." "Is anybody io the world pre-

pared to have on their hands the

blood of thousands and thousands of Afghan people who will lose their lives unless we come to a comprehensive settlement?" he said. The rebels fighting the Soviet and Afghan troops have dissoci-

ated themselves from the talks and have declared that they will fight until the last Soviet soldier leaves and the Kahul regime is Islamahad is clearly concerned

the war will continue, possibly spilling over into Pakistan, and the refugees will not go home if there is no new administration. Noorani told reporters he had a feeling "things will pick up" next

Pakistani opposition leaders urged the country's government last weekend to sign the U.N. agreement without waiting for a new coalition to be installed in

## **McFarlane** strikes plea bargain in Iran affair

range of 300 kilometres

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan's former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane was to plead guilty Friday to withholding in-formation from Congress in a deal with the Iran-contra special prosecutor, sources close to the iovestigation said.

The sources, quoted by Reuter and the AP, said McFarlane, the White House national security aide from October 1983 until December 1985, was to plead guilty to four counts of withholding key information from Congress on the U.S. efforts to support the Nicaraguan contra rebels.

McFarlane participated in the arms-for-hostages deals with Iran and repeatedly assured Congress that the Reagan administration was not providing covert aid to

the contras.
Sources familiar with the case. who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity, said McFarlane was expected to plead guilty to unspecified charges during an afternoon appearance before U.S. District Judge Aubrey E.

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## Iran reportedly constructing missile launch pads on island near Hormuz

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Iran has started constructing crude launch pads for Silkworm missiles on the Gulf islands of Abu Musa, potentially increasing its ability to menace Gulf shipping, U.S. military sources said Thursday.

the Strait.

cial shipping.

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Kuwait agrees to charter

**U.S.-government tanker** 

The Defence officials, who agreed to discuss the matter only not identified, stressed that U.S. intelligence agencies had so far failed to detect any effort hy fran to move Silkworm missiles to the small island

Iran bas huilt similar launch pads at other sites on its main coastlines without ever deploying any missiles, one source said.

But it's still significant, because it would really extend the coverage of these missiles — the threat 'envelop' — if they de-ployed Silkworms there," said another official.

The Silkworm is a Chinesehuilt variant of an old Russian missile that can be fired from mobile launchers on land against ships. The missiles bave a range of about 80 kilometres and while not particularly accurate, carry a large warhead packed with conventional explosives.

According to U.S. sources, Iran has acquired more than 100 Silkworms and stored the majority of them at a large naval base at Bandar Abbas near the Strait of Hormuz, the sole entrance to the

Kuwait, with 11 of its own oil

tankers already sailing under the

American flag, bas agreed to charter a U.S.-government-own-

ed supertanker as an addition to its fleet, Kuwain officials said

The state-owned Kuwait Oil Tanker Co. (KOTC) said the 264,073-ton Maryland would be

chartered to carry Kuwain crude

oil under U.S. Navy escort if the

arrangement is approved by the

U.S. Maritime Administration.

KOTC said that if the charter

arrangement, with E.C.S. Marine

and Ogden Marine International

of New York, was approved, the

Maryland could be sailing the

Gulf by July. Under terms of the

agreement, it would carry an all-

requirement that was waived for

A Maritime Administration

official, who asked not to named.

said he was unaware of any char-

rer bids from Kuwait or anywhere

else for the Maryland. He said

there bad heen "purchase bids"

for the Maryland and two other

ships, but would not say from

U.S.-flagged tankers that Kuwait

had been negotiating to charter

since last year through the Che-

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lished as legal owners of the

The Maryland is one of three

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The United States bas been

Although concrete launch pads

aren't essential for the Silkworm

truck launchers to operate, the

Iranians have nonetheless con-

structed such pads at several sites

along the coastline overlooking

As a result, U.S. warships,

escorting tankers in and out of

the Gulf normally go to battle

stations for the passage and navy

jets provide air cover just in case

Ahu Musa is a small, Iranian-

controlled island inside the Strait

of Hormuz, roughly 50 miles into

the Gulf and almost in the middle

of the waterway. It has long been

used by Iran as a base for gun-

boats that bave attacked commer-

If Iran were to deploy Silk-

worm on Ahu Musa. "it would be

doubling the arc (of space) that it

can threaten," one source said

area of vulnerability up into the

All the officials stressed that

construction on the island bad

reflagged tankers. The agreement broke down, when Kuwait re-

portedly refused to pay a \$2.5-million bill for overhaul of the

vessel at an Oregon shipyard.

tankers in the mid-1970s, reac-

quired them when a former own-

er went bankrupt, and has been

trying unsuccessfully to lease

mic and force level issues re-

main." He added that the navy's

policy of escorting Only U.S.-flag

vessels "remains very persua-

The Maryland, sailing with an all-U.S. crew, would be the second carrier of Kuwaiii crude

oil sailing under U.S. Navy

escort. Only one of the 11 reflag-

ged ships, the 401.382 ton super-

tanker Bridgeton, carries oil.

flag vessels.

Gulf," another official said.

"It definitely would extend our

missile attack is mounted.

escorting reflagged Kuwaiti rank-ers in the Gulf since last July. Kuwait, an ally of Iraq in the Iran-Iraq war, requested the pro-tection after Iran began singling out its ships for attack.

The 16th convoy operation of 1988 and the 38th overall began Tuesday night and was said to be proceeding uneventfully Thursday, with two tankers steaming southbound from Kuwait toward the Strait of Hormuz along with a navy frigate.

Broadening protection

The United States is considering ways to help merchant ships that are not flying the U.S. flag in the Gulf, Defence Secretary Frank C. Carlucci said

Wednesday. We are examining a number of options in this regard, hut serious policy, legal, economic and force level issues remain," Carlucci told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Com-

The administration of President Ronald Reagan has been asked for aid by U.S. shipowners using so-called flags of convenience, such as Panama and Liberia. The navy has refused, citing U.S. policies of helping only American-flagged ships.

U.S. shipowners "continue to

only recently begun and was proceeding slowly.

ask us to provide protection to their non-U.S. flag vessels," Carlucci said. "Despite our humanitarian desire to be helpful, our longstanding requirement for ships to be flying the U.S. flag

remains very persuasive."
"Absent a U.S. flag, we believe a substantial foreign force operational commitment would

be mandatory," he noted.

The navy decreased the number of ships in the Gulf area, Carlucci noted, after the battleship Iowa and helicopter carrier Okinawa were withdrawn earlier this year.

The withdrawal "does not represent any change in our policy or any weakening of our capability." Carlucci noted. "The numbers will continue to fluctuate somewhat, but our steadfast commitment along with our capabilities will remain in a constant as long as our presence is required." American allies in Europe pro-

vide a wide range of help for the navy in the Gulf, Carlucci noted. Most of that aid comes from allied minesweepers that were sent into the region after the first of the reflagged Kuwaiti tankers hit a mine last July 24 and other mines were found in the following

Japan provides financial help, Carlucci said, but is prohibited by its U.S.-written laws from sending ships to the region.

## U.N. human rights body makes urgent appeal to Iran

GENEVA (R) - The U.N. Human Rights Commission appealed urgently to Iran Thursday to respond to reports including torture and the execution last year of 100 people because of their political and religious be-

The U.S. government, which provided \$74 million to subsidise construction of the three super-It was the seventh consecutive year in which the 43-member commission had expressed concern about alleged abuses in Iran. The resolution said information made available to a U.N.

special investigator alleged "the The New York was understood to be so deteriorated that it might execution of some 100 persons in he scrapped and the third, the the period October 1986-Septem-Massachusetts, has been tied up ber 1987 because of their political in legal proceedings.

The reported agreement comes a and religious convictions... It referred to "allegations that

day after U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci told a congresmaltreatment and torture, both physical and psychological, are sional hearing in Washington that common in Iranian prisons during the Pentagon was studying anew interrogation before and after the the possibility of expanding naval protection to other than U.S.-The resolution expressed hope

that a recent pardoning of political prisoners might some day lead Carlucci said officials were "examining a number of options," to a general amnesty. hut "serious policy; legal, econo-

It extended by one year the mandate of the U.N. special rapporteur. Reynaldo Galindo Pohl - whom Tehran has refused to allow to visit since bis appointment in 1984.

It said the Iranian govern- sentative of the Baha'is ment's denial of abuses as a religious minority of 300,000 in whole, without details, was "not Iran which the resolution cited as sufficient for a sensible: assess-ment of the situation of human members of the faith had been rights in that country."

The resolution renewed an "ur- 1979.

gent appeal to the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to extend its full cooperation to the special representative, in particular by responding to his request for information and by permitting bim to visit..."

Twenty members voted for the resolution, including Britain, the United States, France, Iraq and West Germany, while Pakistan was among five nations voting against it.

Fourteen states abstained, including China and Japan, while the Soviet Union was among four states whose representatives were absent when the vote was taken.

The People's Mujahideen organisation of Iran and the Baha'i International Community in Geneva both issued statements welcoming the resolution.

The People's Mujahideen organisation of Iran quoted its leader Massoud Rajavi as saying the resolution "clearly attests to the illegitimacy of (Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah) Khomeini's belligerent dictatorship which continues its antihuman rule only through repression and war."

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## Freed aid worker arrives in London

LONDON (Agencies) — Freed British relief worker Peter Col-eridge arrived back at London airport from Beirut Thursday, chastened by six days of captivity in Lebanon during which he argued for his life.

Coleridge, 44-year-old Middle East coordinator for the Britishbased aid agency Oxfam, was arrested by the Palestinian Fatch Revolutionary Council (FRC) on March 3 for taking photographs in the security-sensitive ain Al-Hilweh refugee camp outside Sidon in southern Lebanon.

The FRC suspected him and his Syrian colleague Omar Tra-bulsi of having links with Western governments. Although Oxfam is an independent agency, Coleridge said: "I was very much aware that I was arguing for my

Asked how his interrogators had treated him, he said: "They behaved with professionalism, as any other security service would do... there was never any hint of

physical violence."
A fluent Arabic speaker, Coleridge was interrogated for an estimated two to three hours a

day, blindfolded and handcuffed.
"I developed quite an interesting relationship with those interrogating me, I felt that by the end we had reached quite a level of understanding of what my organisation does and the kind of work we get involved in," Coleridge said.

But he had no idea if he would be released, and began to think he might be held for months or years like the 25 other Western

hostages in the Lehanon.
"They must be going through something very, very close to hell." he said, "I wouldn't wish it on anyone at all, and I had only six days of it."

He spoke to his captors about his wife and his young children, saying he worried they would grow up with no father. When he was released, one said to him: "Give my love to your wife."

Coleridge insisted his arrest should not deter foreign relief workers in Lebanon. "They are some of the bravest people I know, and I want to make sure their support continues."

The FRC Tuesday hrought
Coleridge in the boot of a car to

hand him over to Mustapha Saad, leader of the People's Liberation Army militia which controls Sidon. Coleridge was taken to Beirut airport Thursday in Saad's personal car. Of the actions that led to his

arrest, he said: "There was an error of judgment perhaps, but I had been travelling all over Lebanon in the previous week and as long as you plan your visit and go with the right people, there isn't any difficulty."

Coleridge said: "I was kept in one room with a blanket and bucket and fed adequately, although I didn't have much of an appetite.

## Sheikh Zayed: U.S. risks losing Arab friends over support for Israel

ABU DHABI, United Arah Emirates (AP) — President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahyan warned Thursday that the United States risks losing the support of its Arab friends and allies because of its pro-Israeh Middle East policy.

His warning came in an inter-view with the Cairo weekly Al Mussawar, which was distributed in the United Arab Emirates by the Emirates News Agency

Calling for the continuation of the Palestinian uprising in Israelioccupied territories, Sheikh Zayed said he hacked a proposal for an emergency Arab summit to support the uprising which erupted Dec. 8 in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He accused the U.S. administration of being biased toward Israel in dealing with the Arab-Israel conflict.

"With such a policy, the Americans have become Israelis," he was quoted as saying. "Whatever is said by Israeli is repeated by the United States."

"What could America expect of its friends if it needed them tomorrow? Should it not deal with them today in all fairness and justice while at the pinnacle of its strength," be added.

In the wide-ranging interview, Sbeikh Zayed said there should be no attempt to stop the unrest in Israeli-occupied territories. The protests must continue

until Palestinians achieve their goal of self-determination," he

The interview came on the heels of a Middle East shuttle by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in which he sought to reactivate the peace process in an effort to halt the West Bank and Gaza uprising.
It was not clear from the inter-

view whether Sheikh Zayed's remarks on U.S. policy were directed toward Shultz's latest proposals for limited Palestinian self-rule and Arab-Israeli peace taiks.

Sheikh Zayed said Palestinian leaders inside and outside the occupied territories must coordinate future moves.

"Yasser Arafat and the leaders outside the occupied territories must refrain from saying or promising anything withour consulting the leadership inside the occupied territories," he said.

Arafat is chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), considered by the Arabs to be the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian

people. Sheikh Zayed also said that Arah estrangement of Egypt over the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accords it signed with Israel in

1978 was not justified.
There were no reasons that

justified Egypt's estrangement in the Arab nation," he said. The majority of Arab states broke ties with Cairo to protest

agreement that led to Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel. The second part of the accord, providing for Palestinian self-rule in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza, was held up because of the Arah rejection of the treaty. Most Arab states ended the

boycott of Egypt following an Arab summit in Jordan last November which gave them the green light to restore relations with Cairo of they chose.

Sheikh Zayed was the first to do so. He was expected to fly to Cairo next week on an official visit at the invitation of President Hosni Mubarak.

"Without Egypt there will be no Arab action," Sheikh Zayed

He noted that some Arab states, an apparent reference to hardline Syria and Libya, have obstructed attempts to reinstate Egypt in the Arab League despite the restoration of ties by most Arab countries since November.

Justifying Egypt's treaty with Israel, Sheikh Zayed said: "If I can gain my enemy's respect and make him give me my rights, what more do I want from him." On the Gulf situation, Sheikh

Zayed rejected a Soviet proposal to deploy a U.N. navai force to 4: protect commercial shipping in the Gulf.
"I don't want the United Na-

tions or any foreigners to protect us," be said.

But he defended Kuwait's decision to get U.S. warships to protect its oil tankers against Iranian attack in the 71/2-year-old Gulf war between Iran and Iraq. The Soviets want a U.N. force

to replace an armada of U.S. and West European warships now patrolling the strategic waterway.

## Basra women pledge more babies

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iraqi women in the southern port of Basra, under Iranian bombardment for the last 18 months. vowed Thursday to bave more babies to help their country's war effort against Iran, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) re-

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the women pledged President Saddam Hussein more babies in response to his call for bigger families last November. Hussein issued the appeal in

were killed and 218 wounded. INA gave no other details on the women's pledge. But Hussein has repeatedly declared that increasing Iraq's hirth-

rate was a strategic duty. Two years ago he said that parents who have fewer than three children should be repri-

The government provides financial assistance to families as logistical.

part of its drive to increase the the emotional aftermath of an Iranian missile attack on Bagbburthrate.

Iraq is outnombered by Iran in dad in which 29 schoolchildren. the 71/2-year-old Gulf war. Iran's population is estimated at 50 million. Iraq bas 16 million people. There are no available birth

rate estimates in Iraq, where women make up a sizeable percentage of the workforce while the men serve the million-strong armed forces. Women's contribution to Iraq's

war effort is mainly medical and

## Qadhafi calls for abolition of death penalty

BEIRUT (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi bas called for abolition of death penalty in his country, the Libyan News Agency (JANA) said Thursday.

It said Qudhafi put his proposal to the Libvan Peoples Congress (parliament) Wednesday.

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JANA also quoted Oadhafi as

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese presidential candidate Dany Cha-moun Thursday questioned talks between Washington and Damascus on political reforms in the war-torn country and insisted on Syrian and Israeli withdrawal.

Chamoun, a 53-year-old Maro-

President Camille Chamoun, told Reuters and Visnews television news agency the American-Syrian talks were "good but it is not a process I appreciate as a

French rule under a League of withdrawal of foreign forces from Nations mandate until independ- Lebanon," he said.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

♠ Art exhibition by Mahmoud Taha all Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts (runs through 14/3/1988).

**EXHIBITIONS** 

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⇒ Islamic book exhibition at Yarmouk
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⇒ Exhibition of photos about Wood-cuts and typesetting in Germany at Mu'ls University in Karak (until Manual Control of the Control

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⇔ Book exhibition at Arabian Club, Irbid 1 runs through March 17).

☆ "Fifth Caricature Exhibition."
works of the late Naji Al Ali at
Hussein Camp Youth Activities Cen-☆ General book exhibition at the Professional Associations Complex in Shmeisani.

FILM

★ "La mors en ce Jardin" al 8:00 p.m. at Ailoum Cinema in Sweilch.

LECTURE

e Dr. Stefan Wild from Bonn University will deliver a lecture on the importance of European Archives to Arab Historians at 11:00 a.m. at the Faculty of Arts. University of Jordan.

**CULTURAL CENTRES** 

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MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Maneum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetorium at the Haya Arts Centre, Open all week 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m - 6:10 pm. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and cos restore Massess: Jewery and cos-tumes over 110 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Am-man, Opening hours, 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round, Tel. 051760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the anti-mities of Jordan Libral, Al. Out. an execution collection of the anti-quities of Jordan, Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening bours: 9,00 a.m.-5,00 p.m. Irridays and official holidays 10,00 a.m to 4,00 p.m.). Closed Tacadays.

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PRINCE RA'D: His Highness patronised the annual celebration held by the Deaf and Dumb Club The celebration, which was attended by Health Minister Zaid Hamzen, included plays and recreational activities.

HMOUD: Minister of Agricul-ture Marwan Al Himond Friday discussed with Spanish Ambassa dor in Amman Ramon Armengod bilateral cooperation io agri-cultural fields and means of promoting it.

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UREIKAT RETURNS: Minister of Labour Rashie Ureikat Friday returned to Amman after heading Jordan's delegation to the meetings of the Arab Labour Conference, which concluded Thursday in Baghdad.

TARAWNEH: Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Dr. Fayez Al Tarawneh Friday met with Yugoslav Ambassador in Amman Zoran Popovic and reviewed means of boosting Jordanian-Yugoslav bilateral relations.

ZAWAIDEH: Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh Friday reviewed with U.S. Ambassador in Amman Roscoe Suddarth bilateral technical cooperation and ways of promoting it, especially in the construction field.

TIES WITH TURKEY: Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabth Al Nimer Friday discussed with Turkish Ambassador in Amman Samih Balan bilateral relations and topics related to the 17th conference of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) foreign ministers scheduled to open in Amman oo March 21. GEOGRAPHIC CENTRE:

The cabinet has appointed Dr. Ukla Hussein Duheimat as director general of the Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre. Dr. Duheimat succeeds Eng. Ra fat Al Majali, who has recently been retired from service.

JAIL SENTENCE: The military court has sentenced Adli Hassan Faris to two years in prison and fined him JD 400 for acquiring drugs. The sentence was endorsed by the military governor.

2 BODIES FOUND: Bodies of a 32-year-old man ideotified as J.M.A. and his 20-year-old wife identifièd as M.S.M. have been found when the busband's hrother, who, entered the house and found their bodies lying on the floor. In Tlaa' Al Ali the body of a youth in bis twenties was also found when a Water Authority team came to clean a manhole which was blocked. It was found out that two legs of a man wrapped in a plastic bag were placed

STATIONERY: All ministries and government departments have been asked to standardise their stationery, according to a Prime Ministry circular issued Thursday. The circular said that the purchase and printing of paper for ministries and government departments will be restricted to the General Supplies Depart-

LIBRARY SCIENCE: A 17day specialised training course on library science and information starts at the University of Jordan's consultations and technical services and studies centre, Saturday. The ceotre will also bost an eight-week training course on computers, also starting

94 FIELD TOURS: Extension workers io Jerash district have carried out 94 field tours to the various parts of the district, giving advice and counselling to some 250 farmers.

**BULGARIAN TEAM:** A Bulgarian Red Cross Society delegation arrived io Amman Friday, beginning a five-day visit to Jordan, for talks with Jordan Red Crescent Society President Ahmad Abu

TAFILEH: A committee entrusted with reviving and promoting tourism in Tafileh governorate Thursday undertook a preliminary study to identify the archaeological sites, castles and tourist areas in the governorate.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE: Karak Education Department won the first place io the cross country race, held Friday in South Shuneb uoder the patronage of Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thougan Al Hindawi. A total of 22 school teams from the various education departments took part in the race which was opened by Balqa Governor Mujhim Khreisha, who deputised for Hindawi.

SCIENTIFIC DAY: Jordan Pharmacists Association Thursday beld its first scientific day oo sedatives, heralding the beginning of its annual scientific

## ALO approves Jordanian draft resolution

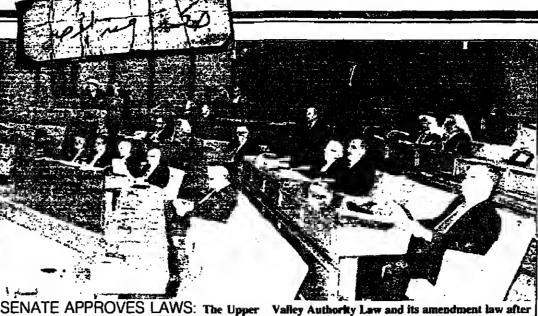
BAGHDAD (Petra) -- An Arab Labnur Organisation (ALO) meeting in Baghdad has approved a Jordanian draft resolution on providing protection to Arab workers in the occupied

Arab territory.

Minister of Labour and Social
Development Rasbid Ureikat said that the Baghdad meeting, which opened on March 7, up-beld the Fourth Geneva Convention on the treatment of civilians in war time, and appealed to the international community to extend urgent and speedy assistance to the Arab workers under Israeli

The ALO meeting also decided to set up a special committee to study reports submitted from workers unions in the occupied Arab territories and declared total support for the Arab workers and the Palestinian people and their uprising in the face of Israeli

The ALO meeting, the minis-ter said, tackled questions related to workers' movements in the Arab World and a pan-Arab strategy for the employment of Arab workers until the year 2000, a proposal submitted by the Jordanian delegation.



House of Parliament (Senate) Thursday discussed and approved the Jordan Water Authority Draft Law and the amendment law to the Jordan Water also read by Senate Speaker Ahmad Lawzi, the adjournment will be effective as of March 11 [Petra Authority Law after they were both incorporated into one law. The Senate also approved the Jordan

## **Jordan-PLO fund ends** talks on Saudi donation

AMMAN (R) — A joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee ended talks Friday on how to spend \$19 million donated by Saudi Arabia for projects in the Israeli-occupied territories.

A source at a meeting said the committee decided to spend the money on health, educational and social projects for Palesti-nians in the West Bank and Gaza

The Jordanian-Palestine Liberation Organisation Steadfastness Fund Committee, established in 1978, has so far paid out \$423 million received from various Arab governments on development schemes in the occupied territories, fund sources

## Nursing conference ends

nursing conference ended at the Al Hussein Medical Centre in Amman on Thursday.

The three-day conference reviewed working papers dealing with the nursing profession in Jordan and the participants beard lectures and inspected modern equipment and publications on

At the closing session, Dr. Daoud Hanania, director of the National Medical Institution, distributed diplomas and awards to the participating nurses, who rep-resented the Royal Medical Ser-vices and hospitals run by the Ministry of Health.

# AMMAN (Petra) - The second

## Workshop on agricultural guidance ends

Director of the National Medical Institution Dr. Daoud Hanania

presents an award to a nurse from the Royal Medical Services [Petra

AMMAN (Petra) — A workshop Ministry of Agriculture and its extension services in the country. on agricultural guidance orga-departments in various parts of Addressing the final session. Agency for International Development (USAID) was concluded here Thursday.

Agricultural extension service

port bere Thursday to review the

activities and programmes of the

Public Transport Corporation

The meeting chaired by Minis-

ter of Transport and Telecom-

nised by the Ministry of Agricul- the Kingdom, took part in the ture in cooperation with the U.S. workshop which lasted a whole

Experts from the Ministry of Agriculture, and USAID delivered lectures on means of stimuofficials and experts from the lating the work of agricultural

people using PTC buses.

importance of extending the

Addressing the final session, Ministry of Agriculture Secretary

General Salem Lawzi said that the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) had recommended that more specialists should be involved in extension work if food production in the Third World is to be increased.

Haj Hassan reviews activities of PTC

AMMAN (Petra) — A meeting munications Khaled Al Haj Has-was held at the Ministry of Trans- san reviewed measures to prom- On Thursday also, the m On Thursday also, the minister ote PTC operations and facilities met with the visiting Iraqi Ministo be offered to handicapped try of Transport and Telecommunications Secretary General.

with him promoting Jordanian-

## discusses traffic accidents

Committee

AMMAN (Petra) - The National Jordanian Committee preparing for celebrations of the International Traffic Day, Thursday discussed traffic accidents in the Kingdom, which last year showed a rise in the number of injured [ youth under 15 years of age.

Addressing a meeting commit-teé Chairman Col. Mahmoud Abu Hammour said that injuries among children constituted 65.4 per cent of the total number of injuries in the Kingdom.

The committee decided to form a sub-committee grouping the Traffic Department, and taxi drivers and owners, to follow up the implementation of resolutions passed by the committee during last year's traffic day celebra-

## American Centre to host telepress conference

AMMAN (J.T.) — On Monday, March 14, the American Centre will host a telepress conference with Dr. Emile Nakhleh, chair-man of the Political Science Department of Mount Saint Mary's College and a recent visitor to Amman. Dr. Nakhieh will discus: "U.S. views of the uprising" with Jordanian journalists, including some he met during his January speaking tour. Questions from the audience will be accepted as well if time permits.

Dr. Nakhleh received his Ph.D. in international relations from American University in 1968. He has authored eight books and numerous articles on various issues in Middle Eastern politics, and has frequently visited the area to conduct research. These visits have included nearly aonual trips to the West Bank and Gaza over the last ten years for study of political and social developments. Dr. Nakhleh speaks Arabic fluently.

## Famous French jazz group to perform in Amman

The minister underlined the Ghassan Radwan, and discussed

PTC's operations especially in the Iraqi cooperation in transport.

By Jean-Claude Elias

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The French Cultural Centre in Amman presents an exceptional jazz trio Sunday, March 13, 1988, at the Haya Art Centre at 7:00 p.m.
The Trio Claude Barthelemy

features Claude Barthelemy on guitars, Jean-Luc Ponthieux on bass and Manuel Denizet on drums. Barthelemy has been described by the French press as "...simply one of the best guitarists in the world...". Those who are not easily convinced by what they read in the papers can always listen to one of the musician's albums, such as Real Politik for instance, their doubts will certainly disappear.

Whether playing electric or acoustic guitar, rock-jazz, progressive or traditional jazz, Claude Barthelemy souods great. La Nomenkaltura, one of the tracks of his above mentioned album,

includes a superb acoustic guitar part. Oo another cut of the same album, Princess Luce, Barthelemy integrates exotic rhythms and percussions, mid-way between Arab and Indian music. Real Politik is a demonstration of virtuosity with powerful electric guitar playing. In fact his fellow musicians say that be is "faster than bis sbadow." But whether playing tightning fast or slow musical phrases, Bartbelemy does it with taste.



The French jazz group, Trio Barthelemy, in action

Claude Barthelemy likes to consider himself as much of a musician as he is a talented performer. When he talks about other composers, names as different as Ianis Xenakis, Bela Bartok, Mick Jagger, Miles Davis or Chuck Berry appear.

His favourite group however seems Steely Dan. In spite of the many styles that might have influenced him, his trio delivers a strongly characterised and homogenous sound. Barthelemy also leads other musicians and plays not only in trio but also with a quintet, sextet and with a big band of 8 musicians.

Claude Barthelemy is the second French jazz guitarist to come to Jordan. Gypsy Bireli Lagrene gave a memorable performance back in 1986. In fact France might be the

most "Jazzy" European country in spite of its noo-Anglo-Saxon

Although jazz started in the United States, with obvious African roots, France has always been a very important centre for the development of this kind of music, whether the musiciaos were foreigners or French.

Several American jazzmen lived and worked in France, the most celebrated one being clar-inetist Sydney Bechet. Other French jazzmen like Django Reinhardt, Stephane Grapelli or more recently pianist Michel Petrucciani, helped give French jazz a great name. Claude Barthelemy comes straight in this line of famous performers.

# Jordan prepares to host OIC ministers' meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Preparations are underway in Amman for hosting the 17th meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) foreign ministers, due to be held from March 21 to March 25, Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabih Al Nimer announced Friday.

pected to be attended by all the OIC members, as Jordan has not received notice from any OIC country declining attendance, received notice from any OIC country declining attendance.

The Middle East question, the

question of Jerusalem, the Iran-Iraq conflict and the Aigh distantissue are expected to be among the major topics at the fite-day conference. The conference will also direct its attention; to economic, financial, cultural and social matters in the Islamic World, conferences, one of which was

Nimer noted.

He said that the Palestinian uprising in the face of Israel's oppression the critical situation in the Middle East and peace prospects, are expected to dominate he political discussions.

"The current events should prompt CIC to take speedy measures that aim to bolster solidarity among Islamic countries, ending injustice and establishing a lasting and just peace." Nimer said. He said that Jordan has hosted

a number of Arab and Islamic

ence assumes special significance coming a few months after the Arab summit conference which ended in ununimous agreeme and consensus among Arab state

"OIC's meeting in Amma bears other important indicator since the city is the capital of confrontation state and the nearest Arab capital to the Aqsa Mosque, one of the holie Islamic shrines in the Israeli occu pied Arab city of Jerusalem. Nimer noted.

He said that cultural matters of concern to the Islamic nation are expected to be discussed detail since OIC is keen on pron oting Islamic culture and de veloping the work of Islamic cer-tres in various countries of th

## President Jucqueline Knouri who paid tribute to the mic activity in the country (Petra photo) Petra Bank links its ATMS to largest ATM network worldwide

PRINCESS ATTENDS CEREMONY: Her Princess's efforts in promoting the voluntary and

Royal Highness Princers Basma Thursday attends a charity works in the Kingdom. President of the

ceremony or genired by the Home and Garden Club
heid on the occasion of the International Women's
Muasher also spoke at the meeting outlining Jorda-

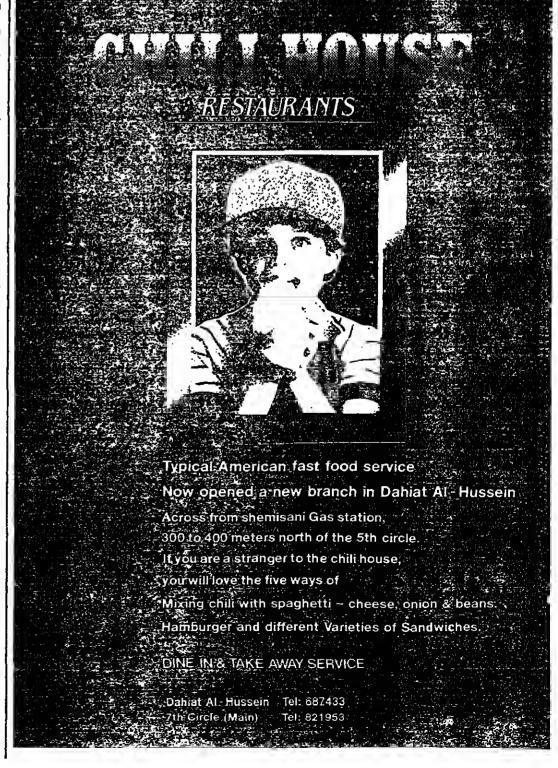
Day. Speakers at the ceremony, included the club's miao women's role in promoting social and econo-

Today, March 12, Petra Sank linked its 10 ATM in Jordan to the Visa International ATM Network, the largest in the World. Every one of the 150 million Visa Card holders worldwide can now draw cash from Petra Bank's Layl-Nahar Network, as If it was the ATM belonging to his/her own bank. There are currently over 23,000 ATMs connected to the Visa Network in over 40 countries. Petra Bank is the first Bank in the Middle East and Africa to link its ATMs to this rapidly growing service.

In achieving this breakthrough in technology. Petra Bank has built on several uther achievements. In 1985 Petra Bank was the first Bank in Jordan to

other banks in Jordan joined Petra Bank's new work. Now with the addition of the Visa liok over 15,000 Banks worldwide can participate in the Layl-Nahar Network.

Petra Bank's card holder's have also gained from these technological advancements. Petra Bank has the largest network in Jordan stretching from Irbic through Amman and Queen Alia Airport to Aqaba. No other hank has such a comprehensive network. Furthermore since 1986 Petra Bank's Visa card holders have been able to withdraw eash from the Visa A'IM network worldwide.



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## ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

#### Friday's

#### Al Ra i: Jordan intensifies Arab contacts

KING Hussein's talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus on Thursday represent Jordan's on-going contacts with Arab leaders for coordinating the Arab Nation's efforts in dealing with fast moving developments in the Arab World. It is quite natural to believe that the latest U.S. initiative for a Middle East peace. Israel's terrorist activities in the occupied Arab territory and the current uprising in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip form the crux of these talks and these consultations. Perhaps also the recent call by the Algerian president for an Arab summit to rally support for the uprising is also on the King's agenda of talks with Arab leaders. These positive moves and the on-going contacts between Jordan and Arab countries can be regarded as a happy offshoot of the Amman Arab summit where the Arab heads of state came to an agreement on matters of concern to all Arabs. It is in this spirit of agreement and consensus that the King is maintaining his contacts with the Arab states and with the purpose of arriving at joint action that he continues his relentless efforts at all levels. There is no doubt that the Palestinian uprising has given further boosting for inter-Arab coordination and paved the way for unified pan-Arab action on the diplomatic level.

## Al Dustour: King rallies Arabs

KING Hussein has maintained his consultations with Arab leaders with a visit to Damascus Thursday where he discussed developments in the Middle East with the Syrian president. There is no doubt that the common challenges and the events in the Arab region warrant such consultations and call for further efforts to coordinate Arab countries steps. Jordan has been spearheading efforts over the past years to achieve solidarily among the Arab states and has been successful in convening an Arab summit last November for achieving that end. The spirit of this conference still dominates the contacts between the Arab states and guides them towards joint action that can support the Palestinian people's uprising and enable the Arab heads of state to deal with other pressing issues. The present Israeli oppression in the occupied Arab territory and Israel's intransigence with regard to lasting solution for the Middle East question can be best answered through an Arab solidarity and unity of ranks. The King's tour of Arab countries follow close on the heels of his visits in Europe and talks with leaders there on matters related to the Middle East region and the Gulf war. His endeavours abroad have won the Arab Nation further support and backing for its legitimate rights and its struggle to attain peace based on justice.

## Sawt Al Shaab: Arabs stand unified

THE King's talks with the Syrian president have reaffirmed the fact that the Arabs are adhering to their unified stand adopted at the Arab summit meeting in Anuman and that their unified action can and should serve as the best policy in dealing with the Israeli enemy. The talks in Damascus will no doubt enhance this coordinated policy among the Arah leaders and are bound to help the nation confront Israel's intransigent policy. Agreement and consensus among the Arabs achieved at the Amman summit is helping them to take further steps in their strife to re-establish peace and in their endeavours abroad to gain more support from different nations. The Arabs, through their consistent efforts and coordinated steps, are no doubt winning the world community's backing for convening an international conference that can deal with the Palestine question and end the Arab-Israeli conflict. By visiting Arab capitals and talking to the Arab leaders the King is maintaining the spirit of the Arab summit which he hosted in Amman, and is continuing Jordan's relentless drive to arrive at a just and durable peace.

## Al Raï: Jordan adheres to full conference

KING Hussein's renewal of Jordan's stand vis-a-vis the Middle East issue brings us more assurance and more confidence. The monarch made it clear that Jordan bases its stand on the unanimous position taken by the Arab countries at the Amman Arab summit last November and therefore, this country adheres to its demand for an international conference as being the only feasible means for building a just and durable peace in this region. Jordan had earlier declared its clear stand with regard to the situation through Prime Minister Zaid Rifai who said that this conference should group all parties involved in the Arab Israeli conflict including the Palestine Liberation Organisation, and that the conference should have full terms of reference concerning the establishment of peace. Reaffirmation of this positive stand meas that Jordan is committed to a pan-Arab position which should be consistent despite the on-going Israeli terrorist activity in the occupied Arab lands and the crimes committed by Zionists. Jordan's reaffirmation of its determination to seek a just peace is also bound to enhance the steadfastness of the Arab people in the face of Israel's evil intentions.

## Al Dustour: Hail the martyrs

THE Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied territory enters its fourth month as more and more Arabs fall martyrs on their Palestinian soil. The uprising reaffirms to the world the fact that it is a revolt and a sacrifice by the Palestinians for the sake of liberating their homeland, and that Israel's brutal measures and crimes cannot stop this people from seeking freedom. This uprising has proved to the Israelis that their life has become an intolerable hell, and that the Israelis will have to pay the price of their continued occupation and will have to suffer like the Arabs they ruled with oppression and cruelty. The Israeli information and mass media are full of instances displaying the negative effects of this Arab uprising on Israel's political, social and economic sectors. We follow the news and the developments in the occupied Arab territory with pride of our brothers' struggle and we bow with due respect before the martyrs who fell in the course of seeking freedom from oppression.

## Among Arabs, bitter views of the West

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

DAMASCUS, Syria - His parents' dinner guests were a little startled here last Thursday, when 10-year-old Zaher Yaghi, broke into their conversation to proclaim that Secretary of State George Shultz is "against peace and the Palestinians.

Young Zaher, a bright, redhaired bonour student, was adamant, even when told that Shultz had yet to see his president, Hafez Al Assad, to seek peace in the Middle East. "He is no good. America is no good." the boy said, apparently closing his mind on the subject.'

A few days earlier, a group of leading Saudi businessmen, university professors and government officials sat at lunch at the Red Sea port of Jeddah, competing to tell stories about how duplicitous Shultz can be.

It was recalled that he was quite solicitous toward Arabs when he ran the huge Bechtel Corporation, which did much of its profitable business in the oil-rich Arab

"But the moment he became foreign minister he turned on us," said one businessman. His companions all agreed.

Despite the attack on Shultz. the disappointment is not so much with him but with what many Arabs say is a moral failure of the United States and the rest of the Western world. They say it is more in sorrow than in anger. It was a bad time for Sbultz to come out and try again to bring Arabs and Israelis together.

Throughout the region, the now-notorious CBS film showing

Israeli soldiers beating two Palestinians has been shown repeatedly on television channels in virtually every Arab country to millions of Arabs, producing enormous anger and indignation.

#### A barrage of criticism

As other scenes of Israelis attacking Palestinians play end-lessly on every newscast, in every Arab city, every day, Arabs are increasingly comparing the Israelis to the South Africans. and then pointing out that the West is unwilling to treat Israel as harshly as it does South Africa.

There is hardly an Arab newspaper that fails to make this point, daily. Conversations with a wide range of Arabs in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Jordan,

eventually turn on those issues. Instead of economic sanctions imposed on South Africa for oppressing blacks, the newspapers say, Israel continues to enjoy buge American aid while it torments its Arab populations.

States, Britain, France and the whole West, look what you have created. Your Israel has become a savage beast. Come and see this beast. Do something to stop it. Show us you have a conscience," said George Habash, a physician

"We want to tell the United States, Britain, France and the whole West, look what you have created. Your Israel has become a savage beast. Come and see this beast. Do something to stop it. Show us you have a conscience."

Instead of arms embargoes, Israel enjoys an exclusive arms relationship with NATO and the United States, they say. They also say that the burt has been building for a long time strong conviction that the United States' bond to Israel is so strong that the United States cannot see transgressions on Palestinian human rights in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The lament is equally intense whether it is made by a Saudi millionaire or a militant leftist

Palestinian guerrilla leader. "We want to tell the United

who is the head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, one of the more radical of the Palestinian groups allied with

A Saudi university dean argued that America is losing its principal asset with the Arabs by reacting mildly to Israeli transgressions. The fundamental sense of fairness that the world, and the Arabs, admire in the Americans appears to be absent, he said. "This is serious, believe me," he

asserted. "This can really cost." Of course, such emotional talk is not new, and it is not evident

that it makes much impact on the Western world. A few months ago, a United States official who toured the region heard similar arguments about the need for a more even-handed American policy. But be dismissed it, saying, 'They need us a lot more than we need them," referring to the Arab World and the United

What is new, however, is that the intensity of the feelings pro-voked by the events in the occupied territories may in fact produce a need for Arab governments to take an aggressive stand toward the United States, since most of them can do little about Israel, and most Arab governments feel pressure to do some-

ng.
"This uprising is threatening the Arab regimes as much as the Israelis and the Americans," Habash said here recently.

Indeed a little more than two weeks ago the Saudi government reacted to a passing remark by PLO leader Yasser Arafat that only two Arab countries. Kuwait Palestinians with money during this crisis. The Sandis ordered all

domestic newspapers to publish a detailed list of all the millions of dollars it had channelled to the Palestinians over the years.

The Saudi indignation went on for days until it appeared to be an overreaction. But a senior Arab cabinet minister who discussed the issue explained that the strong answer to Arafat was motivated not by pride, but by con-cern. "This is not the time to be Iraq, really helped the accused by Arafat, or anybody stinians with money during else, of not helping Palestimans," he said - The New York Times.

## Turkish press tries to brush up image

By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA - Stung by charges of bad reporting. Trukish journalists have set up a watchdog body to help improve the image of their newspapers and maintain

Relations have long been strained between the government and most top newspapers, with sensational political articles, show business "exposes" and pic-tures of scantily-clad girls bringing pressure for legal controls and a draft law to punish "false

Shouts of agreement, and a chorus of "the press is a liar," provided a background for scathing comments about newspapers made by Turkey's conservative Prime Minister Turgut Ozal at a party meeting a few days ago. Ilnur Cevik, editor-in-chief of

the Turkish Daily News, said journalists were aware "things are getting out of hand and that irresponsible reporting has tarnished the image of the press. "The best remedy is the one

the press offers, to correct itself. This is why the Press Council has to succeed. Failure will be an open invitation for the government to suppress the press," he rote in an editorial.

His view of the Press Council is not shared by some newsmen who see it as government-inspired although agree change is

The government says it has no wish to reduce press freedom and is taking every precaution to make democracy bloom following the 1980 coup and three years of military rule.

Since the Press Council came into being this month, the government has shelved its draft law providing for fines up to the equivalent of \$10,000 for publishing "false news".

## Editor's fears

Editors feared the "false news" draft, terming it a grey area, and said such a law, together with those already dealing with obscenity and "anti-state activities," could be used to curb press

The Press Council has been set up at a critical time as the fiercely-independent newspapers fight to keep readers against a state-controlled television drive to extend coverage to most of Tur-key's 52 million predominantly-Muslim people.

The total circulation of newspapers, which generally see themselves as pursuing a parliamentary opposition role, bas dipped since 1983 to about 2.5 millioo from over three million.

Ozal witheringly dismissed newspaper power as he spoke to party members in Izmir this month: "Let them write. They don't have any influence any

And he accused one newspaper of publishing, on successive days,

contradictory reports on the volatile "tahtakale" currency black market.

New Defence Minister Ercan Vuralhan has just weathered a storm stirred by the left-leaning daily Cumhuriyet, which alleged he had been involved in shady dealings while a career diplomat. Vuralhan denied the charges.

Exposes of showbusiness personalities, such as U.S. rock star Madonna, and titillating pictures of foreign pornographic film actresses and other so-called celebrities carried in some of the nine big papers do little to endear them to the establishment.

According to Cumhuriyet, nine newspapers and magazines have been fined a total equivalent to \$6.5 million under the obscenity law, passed in 1986.

#### Constitutional change

Oktay Eksi, a respected columnist for the biggest selling daily Hurriyet, said the Press Council, which he helped to form, would investigate and decide on complaints about the press and strive to maintain press freedom.

through political parties to put articles in to the constitution that will ban proposing any draft press are the reason why the press's legislation aimed at hindering dignity and esteem have been press freedom.

Ahmet Abakay, chairman of the Association of Contemporary Journalisis, opposes the council. He says the idea for such a body least 37 are estimated to have first came from the government received jail sentences since 1980.

and that some of its founders no longer have any relationship with

"If there are obstacles to press freedom in a country — and indeed there are many in Turkey - the struggle for getting rid of them is the job of the journalists' trade unions and the press associations," he said, The Press Council's charter

was signed by representatives of the major dailies and three domestic news agencies. Its governing body comprises journalists, professors and an actress. The council has about 600

members. It claims some of the other 3,900 Turkish press card holders are either not real journalists or never served necessary apprenticeships. State Minister Mehmet

Yazar, the government spokesman, said in a newspaper interview nothing within existing laws reduced press freedom. "Our government does not have the slightest desire to cut the freedom of the press."

On the now shelved "false news" draft, he said: "The prob-We want to initiate moves lem is not a matter of lies etcetera. The problem is cutting down on the bad examples which damaged

Apart from fines on newspapers, journalists individually bave fallen foul of existing laws. At

## OPEN FORUM

## Status symbols

WITH reference to the article about loose dogs in Abdown, (Saturday March 5), It is a very serious problem when they become so dangerous as to kill other dogs. How long do we have to wait before some child or defenceless elderly person is badly injured or

It is all very well to have a "guard-dog", which in some cases is only a "status symbol". and serves no real purpose at all. One can see these dogs permanently chained in yards and even on roofs, (why there?) regularly: It is small wonder that some break loose through sheer bordom and desperation. Anyone owning such a dog should make sure that it is exercised regularly, and that it cannot get out to attack. Otherwise they should not have a dog if that is too much trouble. After all, what quality of life is it on a chain for evermore? No better than being in prison.

I agree with Mrs. Nassar that legislation be immediately drafted

to hold owners of vicious dogs and dangerous house-pets fully liable for incidents similar to the terrifying one she experienced. Hopefully when the new Animal Welfare Society is formed it will encourage people to look after their dogs properly and not allow them to run loose, which is also a danger to traffic. It would be an advantage too if all owners were compelled to have identity tags on dog-collars.

Chris Larter

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## Troops may withdraw, but Soviet influence remains

By Victoria Graham

NEW YORK - Even if Soviet troops withdraw from Afghanistan, they are likely to leave behind an infrastructure that could greatly prolong Moscow's politicil. economic and social influence there, according to Western spe-

These analysts say Soviet influence, if not control, could be trongly perpetuated by the past Soviet training of Afghan army officers and the presence of Soviet advisers in Afghan government ministries. Depending on the terms of the troop withdrawal accord, these ties could continue, along with the military and civilian training of some Afghan youths. from kindergarteners to university students, in the Soviet

In a recent appraisal of the Afghan situation, the U.S. State Department cited strong past military, trade and educational ties between Moscow and Kabul, and plans for further coordination of their economies and the integration of Afghanistan's electrical system into the Soviet pow-

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By the department's estimate, some 10,000 Afghan youths are believed to bave been trained in the Soviet Union so far. and many of them could occupy important Afghan posts in the fu-

M. Siddieg Noorzoy, an

Afghan professor of economics at the University of Alberta in Canada, estimates Afghanistan's debt to the Soviet Union at the equivalent of more than \$2 billion. The Soviet Union has a series of agreements for the exploitation of Afghan mineral resources, including natural gas, iron, copper and other materials, and such operations could continue as one means to pay off the

## Other means

Barnett R. Rubin, assistant

professor of political science at Yale University and a specialist in South Asia, said in a telephone interview that while the Soviet Union made a mistake by going into Afghanistan militarily. it still secks wide influence in the re-

"There are other ways than sending in troops and occupying Afghanistan," he said. "They do have tools and will have influence, as they did before 1978 because of Afghanistan's posi-

In the latest round of diplomacy on Afghanistan, the Soviet Union has publicly professed little interest in the precise nature of the Afghan government after a Soviet withdrawal, saying the problem is one for Afghans. It no longer demands that a transition-al government, including Communists, be formed before with-

It has reduced its pullout timetable to nine months, and agreed that key combat units and most troops should leave in the first period. The key condition is that U.S. and outside aid to anti-Communist Afghan fighters will

stop when troops begin leaving.
Cynics say the Soviets can afford a swift pullout, so long as there is no Western aid to the anti-Communist guerrillas, be-cause the basis for prolonged Soviet influence in that country has now been in place for years. How durable that Soviet influ-

ernment of what the Soviets say should be a neutral, nonaligned and friendly Afghanistan. Some analysts see a certain urgency to the situation for the Soviets, even if perfect control of

ence will be is debatable, and

much depends on the future gov-

#### Atghanistan isn't assured. Decentralised army

"The Soviets want to walk away and cut their losses because intervention has been an unmitigated disaster," said Jonathan Sanders, assistant director of the W. Averell Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union at Colombia University in

He said a rapid Soviet pullont from Afghanistan could make Soviet-backed governments, like that in Vietnam, reassess Moscow's dependability.

Rubin said there are things a future Afghan government can do to reduce absolute dependence and dilute Soviet influence. These include developing trade with other neighbours, stopping conflicts with neighbouring, pro-Western Pakistan, dissolving the secret police and sending Soviet advisers home.

The biggest problem. Rubin

said, is military, since the Afghan officer corps is Soviet-trained and Soviet-supplied. He suggested a decentralised army, like the Swiss army, incorporating the anti-Communist insurgents.

An article by Noorzoy in a book on Afghanistan by Freedom House, a U.S.-based human rights group, calls Afghanistan "a paradigm of Soviet economic policies in underdeveloped countries, policies that fit into long-

range Soviet geopolitical plans. Since the economy has been

Union, which buys or barters its major export. natural gas. Moscow also receives, or has agreements to receive, iron, copper, chrome, uranium and other minerals, often in exchange for Soviet-made consumer goods to Afghanistan.

Last year Moscow gave about \$220 million in development aid and pledged \$405 million in commodities. It has more than \$750 million in credit agreements with

shattered by the war. Soviet and Afghanistan, including a \$150-East bloc aid is massive. Afghamillion, 10-year project to connect Kabul and adjacent pronistan imports wheat from Soviet vinces with a Soviet power grid by.

Afghanistan's 29 provinces

have signed aid agreements with

individual Soviet republics, and last year, the Russian Republic, the largest of the 15 Soviet republics, directly sent fertilizer and agricultural machines to Kabul.

Afghan education remains a "tool of Soviet propaganda," the State Department said in a December report.





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A diver lifts a timber from a 16th-century Basque whaling vessel found off Labrador. Interest in ancient shipwrecks, combined with increasingly sophisticated diving techniques, has led archaeologists back

in time. Scientists now seek, on the world's continental shelves, evidence of human activity from the dawn of mankind.

# Prehistoric finds on seabed herald new era of archaeology

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WASHINGTON - A high-technology diving expedition off the coast of Greece last summer may provide keys to an old puzzle halfway around the globe: Who were the first humans to cross the ancient land bridge from Asia to the Americas? And when did those prehistoric hunters ancestors of the American Indians - arrive in the New World?

"The dates for the crossings are extremely uncertain; we don't know which branch of humanity or which cultures were involved," says Nicholas C. Flemming, the British geologist who helped supervise the dive, which was supported jointly by the National Geographic Society and the Royal Geographical Society.

"Last summer we took an intermediate but very important step toward finding the answers," says Flemming. "This was the first time, to my knowledge, that anyone has ever set out specifically to find evidence of human occupation this far back in time in areas that are now submerged."

Flemming expects that techniques developed during the dive level once again. eventually will be used to discover traces of human passages in the now-undersea realm of Beringia - today's Bering Strait between Siberia and Alaska — as well as in the lands, now also under

water, that once nearly linked merged villages of classical times an array of state-of-the-art elec-Australia and Southeast Asia. merged villages of classical times an array of state-of-the-art elec-

These techniques also may help determine when humans first occupied the world's major islands, including Britain, Cyprus, Sri Lanka, the West Indies, and Evidence of when humans first

entered the Americas has long eluded archaeologists. Estimates of human occupation have ranged from roughly 15,000 years ago to as long as 100,000 years.

One fundamental question is whether the primitive humans known as Neanderthals ever made it into the New World. Scientists believe this branch of mankind died ont about 40,000 years ago. Most doubt that Neanderthal bands reached the Americas, but that belief could be shaken if someone found evidence of New World occupation that predated the last period Neanderthals were known to

It has long been assumed that the answers to these questions lie buried beneath the sea forever or at least until the day, perhaps thousands of years from now, that a new ice age drops the sea

However, pioneers of a relatively new branch of science underwater archaeology - are challenging that proposition.

Attention originally focused on ancient shipwrecks and sub-

periodically, fishermen would bring up material that was far older, leading researchers in the 1920s and 1930s to believe that people occupied the continental shelves of the North Sea and the Mediterranean coasts of France and Italy during prehistoric

periods of glacial low-sea levels.

Interest in underwater evidence of Stone Age human activity has grown steadily since then. as diving technology has become much more sophisticated. Flemming's involvement dates back to his diving days with the British Royal Marines. While a student at Cambridge, he helped found the first University Diving Group. He later published "Cities in the Sea," a book about his experiences exploring settlements that now lie beneath the

Last summer, Flemming and Demetrios Kazianis, a Greekgovernment antiquities expert, led a four-week underwater expedition around Corfu, a resort

island off the coast of Greece. The dive was conducted under the auspices of Greece's Departmentof Underwater Archaeology and the British Institute of high-speed inflatable boats, and world,"

tronic gear used in offshore sur-

During an earlier trip to the island. Flemming had identified Corfu as a likely place to find paleolithic relics far enough off shore and in deep-enough water that they could not have come there from land. When he returned to Corfu, he was not disappointed.

'I was swimming over one of the shallower sites, about 5 metres deep," Flemming recalls, "when I saw some big, irregular slabs of yellowish-green rock on the seabed, with palches of gravel and small rocks around the hig rocks. It was in these patches of gravel that we found stone tools."

The artifacts, mostly flint hlades and flakes from making the implements, ranged in age from 11,000 to 40,000 years old. But the real payoff of the trip was something more than the artifacts themselves.

What this project demonstrated was not only that these paleolithic materials do survive under the sea, which we already knew, but also how to look for them," says Flemming. "You cannot go out and make random searches. You really have to work Oceanographic Sciences. The in- like a hunter, follow a trail. Now ternational diving team included we know how to devise search 14 people, along with six vehicles, strategies for new areas on cona chartered fishing trawler, three tinental shelves all over the

## **JTV Channel 2 Preview**

Sat. — March 12, 1988

8:30 Married with Children

9:00 Variety show

10:20 Feature Film Lash of Vengeance

Starring: Tony Musante

Simon Oklaud Sun. — March 13, 1988

8:30 Farrington Every Time We Say Goodbye

Promotion and transfer to a better posting are at last in view for Harriet, until a senior member of

9:10 A Conductor At Work Claudio Abbadn

her staff is arrested for espionage.

This film traces a year in the life of Claudio Abbado, one of the most distinguished conductors of the younger musical generation, showing him at work both in rehearsal and on the concert platform with some of today's most eminent musicians.

10:20 Secret Army

Mon. — March 14, 1988

8:30 Are You Being Served grene and early death.

9:10 Vanity Fair Vulgar Incident

10:20 Feature Film Munster, Go Home

Al Lewis

Herman Munster inherits a title, and the family goes to England, where they're involved in plenty

8:30 No Place Like Home

Beryl is desperately missing her noisy brood, who have all left home. So Arthur decides to cheer her up hy inviting them all to a surprise dinner.

9:10 Standby ... Light! Camera! Action!

10:20 Murder She Wrote

11:10 Three's Company

Wed. — March 16, 1988

8:30 Sweet Surrender

Walking the Tightrope — Living with Diabetes

This programme special is about diabetes, suffered by one in every 100 people in the U.K. and a chronic condition that can lead to hlindness, kidney failure, gan-

The Verger

The delightful story of Albert (Richard Briers) and Milly (Patri-

of creepy doing.

Tue. - March 15, 1988

The Bottom Line is Murder

9:00 Well Being

9:35 Tales of the Unexpected

Therese Liotard Monique in Thursday's feature film, Clond Waltzer

cia Routledge), an elderly couple who have for many years been faithful employees of their local church. When a new priest arrives, he plans radical changes which do not include Albert and Milly. However, losing their joh at the church turns out to be a real stroke of luck!

10:20 Nancy Wake

Thur. — March 17, 1988

8:30 Kate and Allie

9:10 Rags to Riches 10:20 Feature Film

Cloud Waltzer

Kathleen Beller

It is the story of a love which develops between a young American freelance journalist and the millionaire vineyard owner she sets out to interview.

Fri. — March 18, 1983

8:30 Growing Pains The Scarlet Letter

When Carol, prepared for failure, gets an A on a surprise quiz she totally faked her way through, she seriously questions the validity of her outstanding academic career.

9:10 Magnum

10:20 Falcon Crest

11:10 Some Mothers Do Have Them

## World record set with new ceramics

in materials science has taken German and Spanish researchers at the solar test centre in Spain a large step ahead in the direction of the economical production of energy from solar radiation. A radiation receiver newly developed for use in the gas-cooled solar tower power station (GAST) reached a coolant temperature of 1,000 degrees

Celsius — a new world record. The Plataforma Solar solar test centre came into being as a result of the junction-of heliothermal power stations and a solar tower power station (CESA-1) in the sonthern Spanish province of Almeria. The heliothermal power station was originally constructed jointly by eight countries belonging to the International Energy

EA; the construction

project was coordinated by the Deutsche Forschungs- und Versuchsanstalt fur Luft- und Raumfahrt, DFVLR (German Aerospace Research Establishment). CESA-1 was huilt by the Spanish Instituto de Energias Renovables (Institute for Self-Regenerating Energies). Since the middle of 1981, Almeria has been the site for the implementation of GAST. a German-Spanish technology programme which is financed in equal shares by both countries. DFVLR is the partner involved on the German side.

The principle of the solar tower power station was developed to circumvent one of the crucial disadvantages of using solar energy economically, namely its low wattage per surface unit. One strategy to balance this disadvantage is to lower the cost for the surface elements, e.g., solar cells or solar collectors. The tower concept, however, achieves the same effect by concentrating the incident radiation in mirrors and guiding it to a radiation receiver at the top of an 82-metre-high In the past, a metallic heat

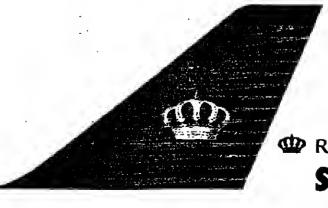
exchanger unit was used as a receiver. With an operating pressure of 9.5 har this system provided air at a temperature of 800 degrees Celsius which was used to produce electrical energy through gas turbo generators. However, with this method the limits of the materials employed were reached. The solar radiation collected by 300 mirrors with a combined reception surface of 11,800 square metres can amount

to more than 500 kilowatt per square metre. Without sufficient cooling, this temperature would make the material melt within a short period of time. The new high-temperature heat exchanger is made of silicated siliconcarhide, a ceramic material. It has helped push the temperature limit toward the 1,000-degreemark for the first time ever.

High temperatures in that range are important to using solar energy to provide heat for chemical processes. Hence, investigations into applications of this kind are now on the research agenda, as are studies on the possibility of coupling highly concentrated solar radiation directly with solid or liquid carriers of heat energy — German Research

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## Shamir slams Shultz plan, scoffs at possible pressure

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Bank and Gaza Strip. "I'm a great believer in a free press and the right of the people to know... so I would have to be opposed to it — thinking that they want to conduct operations in which they would rather not

have public knowledge of them," The president conducted four separate interviews in the White House with television journalists from France, Britain, Italy and

West Germany. Reagan said the U.S. plan was 'a pretty good solution that would remove some of the problems besetting the people in the occupied territories."

Asked what kind of pressure he would put on Shamir, Reagan said, "Well, I don't think it's so much pressure as it is just an attempt at

"But also, I'd like to point out that his cabinet is pretty evenly split on the solution," Reagan said, "So it isn't a case of ourside pressure there. He has a great element in his own government that sees merit in the proposals

that we've made."
Part of the U.S. plan calls for an international peace conference whose members would include the Soviet

Reagan said Moscow had not recognised Israel as a nation and added, "that's very difficult to have someone participating in a conference of that kind who doesn't even believe in the right of statehood of the other He said the conference would not

he said the conference would not be empowered to impose a settle-ment, but would try to be helpful and see if we could not join in helping arrive at a solution that would once and for all end the hostilities." Shultz: Benefit for

Israel Shultz said Thursday Israel could reap great benefit from the U.S. plan and called on all parties in the Arab-

Israeli conflict to support it.
"We tried to propose something that's comprehensive in the sense of dealing between Israel and all the countries on its border," Shultz told a congressional subcommittee. "If anyone is not included in it

when it gets going, that will be their own doing," he said.

Shultz said Israel would reap great benefii from a stable peace. the factoring to the growing Palestinian population under Israeli rule, bomb.

Shultz said Israel "needs to focus oo the fact that there is a very large, clearly ticking demographic time

## 300 Palestinians quit Israeli police

(Continued from page 1) shoulders "patrolled" a Jewish neighbourhood near Al Ibrahimi

Mosque during noon prayers.

In Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, noon prayers passed witbout incident and Israeli solthers kept largely out of sight although an army helicopter circled overhead.

In Gaza City, the army closed the main Al Amari Mosque for the first time, creating what Palestinian residents said was deep anger in the city. Som 2,500 worshipers usually pray ...t the mosque.

special "prayers for the missing"

In Jerusalem, about 200 Palestinians protested after noon prayers at the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosques, raising several Palestinian flags.

A communique issued Thursday by the leadership of the uprising called on Palestinians in occupied areas to refuse to pay taxes and step up actions against soldiers, Jewish settlers and Arah collaborators. The "United National Lead-

ership of the Uprising" scheduled March 15 and 16 for a general strike and March 21 as a day of 'fierce confrontation" with Israeli forces.

In other mosques in Gaza City. The communique, posted on were held to honour the Palestiwalls in the West Bank, was the nians who have been killed by 10th issued by the underground Israelis since the uprising began. group.

# Anxious Napoli faces test of nerve at Empoli

LONDON (R) - After two successive home defeats beat 1-0 in the first leg in the space of five days, Napoli will be anxious to return to winning form when they travel to bottom team Empoli for their Italian First Division clash

Diego Maradona's defending champions, some weakened by influenza, were knocked out of the Italian Cup hy Torino and then beaten at home by Roma last week, but remain four points clear of A.C. Milan at the top-

They will be without experienced international midfielder Savatore Bagni, who has strained a knee, for the visit to Empoli, hut should at least avoid defeat and consolidate their leading

Milan face a much tougher assignment at Torino where they may miss key defender Angelo Colombo with an ankle injury. They hope Dutch striker Marco van Basien, out for four months after fracturing an ankle, will begin his comeback in a friendly against a local Milan team and be fit for a first team return by

Torino will be without Austrian striker Anton Polster, who is suspended for two matches.

Roma bouyant after their win at Napoli, are away to struggling Como and will be without Polish striker Zbigniew Boniek, who has 'flu,' and midfielder Lionello Manfredonia, suspended.

In Spain, European Cup quarter-finalists Real Madrid, who will start their second leg against Bayern Munich with a 3-2 deficit Wednesday, go to the Basque country for a difficult League match against Athletic Bilhao Saturday

The Spanish champions and League leaders asked for the game to be hrought forward from Sunday's programme to give them an extra day to prepare for Santillana makes his

point for Real Madrid On Wednesday night, Madrid drew 1-1 at Valencia with a goal from veteran striker Carlos Santillana, to go eight points clear of

city rivals Atletico Madrid. Atletico, coached by Argentine Cesar Luis Menotti, travel to Real Valladolid Sunday. Thirdplaced Real Sociedad face bottom of the table sahadell at

In West Germany, all three leading clubs face tricky matches at the weekend.

Defending champions Bayern, who conceded two late goals when they beat Real Madrid, maintained their reputation for inconsistency with a 3-0 win last weekend followed hy a surprise 2-1 defeat by Hamburg in a West

German Cup quarter-final.
On Saturday, they face fifth-placed Borussia Moenchengladhach at bome. Borussia, like second-placed Bayern, are seek-ing a high league finish to secure a place in Europe.

Leaders Werder Bremen, chasing triple success in the West German League and Cup and the UEFA Cup, travel south to sixthplaced Stuttgart, who are also fighting for a place in Europe

Werder demolished Bayer Uerdingen 5-1 last Saturday and reached the last four in the cup with a 3-1 win over amateurs Viktoria Aschaffenhurg

They will want to avoid injuries against Stuttgart before their re-turn UEFA Cup quarter-final against Italy's Verona, who they

## Cuban boxing star to retire at 36

HAVANA (R) - Teofilo Stevenson, who won the Olympic heavyweight boxing title three times, will retire formally in June, it was announced here. Stevenson, who will turn 36 on March 20. was the only man, besides Hungary's Laszlo Papp, to have won three consecutive Olympic gold medals in boxing, at the 1972, '76 and '80 games. The Cuhan, also a triple world amateur champioo from 1974 to 1986, was denied a possible fourth Olympic triumph at the 1984 Los Angeles Games because of a Soviet-led boycott. Stevenson, who rejected \$1 million to turn professional and fight Muhammad Ali, had gone into semi-retirement since his last competitive fight in May 1986.

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Bordeaux to clash with Nantes

In France, the top match of a weekend of cup action will be the clash hetween Bordeaux and Nantes while in Portugal, un-heaten League leaders Porto face an easy match against bottom of the table Covilha.

Benfica, who travel to Belgium Wednesday for the second leg of their European Cup tie with Anderlecht, travel to Elvas with injury worries over four players.

Brazilian centre-hack Elzo has torn muscle which is likely to keep him out of both Sunday's match and the European Cup trip, and Brazilian Chiquinho, Sweden striker Mats Magnusson and defender Veloso are also under treatment.



according to the age: Be-low 15, below 20 and ve 20. The club's president Da'ad Ma'az presented the club's shield to the Queen. Queen Noor distributed cups, medals and prizes to the winners Youth Awad Khleifat, tion (NHF) Io'am Al Mufti

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Her Majesty Queen Noor Friday fires a shot in the

air to start the CTOSS COUR-

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nised by the Women's Sports Club with the par-demation of 1,000 female

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## Africa fields rich players for soccer cup

of Africa's greatest players will be on display at the 16th Africa Nations Cup which kicks off in Casahlanca Sunday.

The following is a list of some of those to keep an eye on:

Madjer Rabah - one of the world's truly great players capable of making a mockery of the old adage "one swallow does oot make a summer." A striker of the highest class, he achieved world fame with his cheeky backheel goal for cluh F.C. Porto in last season's European Cup final triumph over Bayern Munich. A question mark hangs over his fitness following a long absence through injury this season.

Lakhdar Belloumi - the maestro conductor behind a polished performance. Once considered the most talented midfield player in Africa and rated hy some critics as a cross between French ace Michel Platini and Argentine superstar Diego Maradona, Belloumi played a leading role in Algeria's success in qualifying for both the 1982 and 1986 World Cup finals, Now 30, he is reported to be back in top shape after hreaking his leg twice in rapid succession just over two

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scissor kick. Menad likes to lurk deep and move up from behind to attack the goalmouth. He can create headaches for defenders with a left-foot as deadly as his

Fodil Magharia — considered one of the best central defenders in Africa, but likes to move forward and support the attack.

Aziz Bouderbala - an nnpredictable genius in attack. Has just signed for French club Matra Racing where he will lead next season's attack alongside countryman and fellow international Merry Krimau. Has returned to the game after a leg operation.

Merry Krimau — an elegant centre-forward who has developed a fine understanding with Bouderbala. Now 33, he is a seasoned professiooal having had spells with French clubs Strasbourg, Metz, Bastia and Lille before moving to his present club Matra Racing. Very dangerous in the air.

Abdelmajid Dolmy — at 35 and with well over 100 caps to his credit, the old man of the squad. Always on hand as an extra defender, he remains a highly experienced midfielder valued for his calming influence when the goiog gets lough.

Mustapha El Haddaoui - one the rising stars of the Moroceration and finishing power. A can side currently enjoying a

good season at French cluh St. Etienne. Brimming with natural talent, he likes to operate from the centre of midfield pushing wide and shoot from the edge of the box. His workrate is sometimes questioned.

Ivory Coast: Youssouf Fofana - a 21-year-

old professional playing with French Championship leaders Monaco. Known as "The Black Diamond," Fofana's breathtaking acceleration and dazzling dribbling skills are the main weapon of the Ivorian attack. Abdoulage Troare — one of a trio of Ivorian professionals with

French cluh, Sete. Troare, a consummate opportunist, combines well with Fofana and was aknowledged to be the most effective Ivorian forward in the last Africa Nations Cup two years ago in Cairo when his team finished in third place Gadji Celi - the team captain.

Also with French club Sete, the 26-year-old Celi is taking part in his third Africa Nations Cup. An experienced midfield general with gritty determination, he is capable of splitting the best de-fences with passes of pinpoint accuracy. Amani Yao - young forward

looking more accomplished and composed with every game. Playca-Sports of Abidian, he is a prolific goal-scorer. Sometimes appears sluggish, but watch his dribbling skills.

Francois Zahoui - just signed new three-year contract with French club Toulon. Playmaker in midfield. Good vision and position sense are his main qual-

Nigeria:

Stephen Keshi - a hrilliant 27-year-old central defender now playing with Belgian champions, Anderlecht. Club commitmeets make him an uncertain starter, hut if released he will captain the side. Huge throw-ins are one of his hallmarks. Sunny Eboige - a hig name in

Nigeria where he was snapped up hy Northern club El Kanemi in their bid to climb out of the Third

Division. Plays number six, hut will fill the centre-half shirt if Keshi is absent.

Henry Nwosu — a regular in the team since 1980, Nwosu is a slight, cunning player who often crops up to score vital goals. This is his fourth Nations Cup. Sam Okwaraji — a skilfull in-

side-right who plays for the West German club, VFB Stuttgart. Ndubisi Okosieme - a fast right-winger who moved to El Kanemi for a record signing-oo fee of 40,000 naira (\$10,000) this

Humphrey Edobor - another El Kanemi purchase, this 26year-old has made the left-wing role his own since 1984. Likes to launch long, lazy runs from deep

Roger Milla - at 34 the veteran of a side that is a sweet hlend of experience and youth, Milla is making probably his last appearance in the cup and looking to go out in style.

Francois Omam Biyick - enjoying a great seasoo with French cluh Laval where he is a prolific goal scorer, Biyick is keen to make a mark in the national side.

Peter Dawo - top scorer in the Africa Cup Winners Cup when his side Gor Mahia beat Esperance of Tunisia.

Austin Oduor - lynchpin of Keoya's defence in last August's All Africa Games in Nairohi when his learn took the silver medal. Reliable and solid, he rarely looks ruffeld under pressure.

Amhrose Ayoyi — a regular goalscorer likely to pop up any-

Ngoy Kabongo — a prolific goal-scorer who can make the Leopards roar. Will be aided up front hy fellow professionals Ndalango Mohati and Ndiela Muntu-Egypt:

Watch out for the new attack-

ing line-up of Gamal Abdul-Hamid, Hossam Hassan, and Emad Sulliman.



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#### Society to organise cross-country race

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Charitable Jordanian Society for Surgery and Cardiothoracic Diseases will organise a charitable crosscountry race on Friday April 1 under the patronage of University of Jordan President Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali. The race will start from the University of Jordan and will end at the Ambassador Hotel in Shmeisani.

## 20 said killed in Tripoli stadium collapse

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A dividing wall collapsed in the central sports stadium in the Libyan capital of Tripoli, killing at least 20 soccer fans, Belgrade dailies reported Friday. The newspapers carried a report from the state news agency Tanjug in Tripoli quoting "reports by eyewitnesses" as saying that panic broke out at the stadium when the wall collapsed during a soccer match between Libya and Malta Thursday night. At least 20 people were said to have been killed and "a large oumber" injured in the stadium, which Tanjug said can hold op to 70,000 people. Tanjug was quoted as saying there had been no official announcement of the accident and that all roads to the stadium had been blocked off.

## Whitaker meets left-hander for first time

PARIS (R) - American Pernell Whitaker meets a left-hander for the first time in his professional career Saturday wheo he challenges Mexican Jose-Luis Ramirez for the World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight title. Whitaker's manager Loo Duva said he had hired three southpaw sparring partners to help the 24-year-old Olympic champion from Virginia train for his bout against the experienced Mexican, who will be fighting for the 110th time. "Pernell has only 15 professional fights, that's true." said Duva, "hut he has nearly 300 in the amateur ranks." "He's made fast progress, trained well, and improved his jah. Sure, he still has some faults, but what fighter can brag that he's perfect, that he has nothing to learn?" Ramirez, 28, is a favourite among boxing fans in France, where he fights frequently and where he began his current reign last July in Saint Tropez by outpointing Terrence Alli of Guyana.

## Yugoslavia to host World Judo Championship

BELGRADE (R) — The Yugoslav capital Belgrade will host next year's World Judo Championships from Oct. 1-8, the state news agency Tanjug quoted International Judo Federation President Sarkis Caloglian as saying Friday. A congress of the Sport's World governing body will be held in Belgrade at the same time, it said. The city hosted the 1986 European Judo Championships.

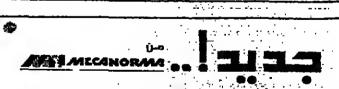
## Verona player first to fail dope test

GENEVA (R) - Italian First Division footballer Silvano Fontolan has become the first player to fail a UEFA dope test in eight years of checks, the European Football Union said Friday.

UEFA said Fontolan tested positive after playing for Verona in a

UEFA Cup quarter-final first leg against Werder Bremen of West

Germany March 2. Traces of the stimulants cropropamid and crothethamid were found in both urme samples, UEFA said. UEFA's Control and Disciplinary Committee will meet in Zurich Sunday to discuss the case.



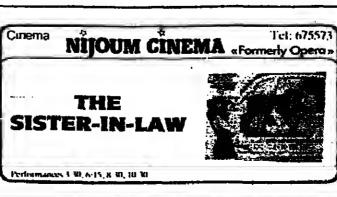
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MAFRAQ (Petra) — Deputy ly 3,000 people.
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Hindawi first opened an electrification project for Mutalleh, Den Al Khaf and Jubeih which cost JD 250,000, benefiting near-

two lecture halls, workshops for He laid the foundation stone of training students in carpentry, electricity and typing. a school for girls at Mughir Al Sarhan which will cost some JD 217,000. The school will

The school, the first of its type in Mafraq governorate, has an adjoining living quarter for the staff and students and can accommodate 940 students.

The minister met with notables, students, officials and representatives of various sectors in Mafraq and said that educational and other services in Mafraq will

Education is going ahead with the implementation of the national educational conference resolunons of last year which he said will tackle different aspects related to teachers and schools.

The minister said efforts are also being made to promote the work of youth and sports clubs in

## Al Jaber passes town budgets

AMMAN (Petra) — Municipal and Rural Affairs and Environment Minister Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber has approved a JD 206,112 hudget for Wadi Mousa town in southern Jordan. Most of the funds for 1988 will be used for

purchasing land for public use and asphalting roads. The Wadi Mousa municipality last year carried out municipal services at the cost of JD 106,000. Most of the funds went to financing the construction of roads and public gardens and the purchase nf machinery for the municipality

#### Al Qasr

The minister also approved a JD 138,720 budget for Al Qasr town, near Karak, where most of the funds will be used for setting up a compound for government departments and lighting streets.

#### Smakieh

Another 1988 budget, amounting to JD 65,659, was approved for the town of Smakleb in the Karak governorate.

The funds will be used to finance constructing roads, a public garden and the maintenance of an artesian well in the town.

be upgraded and extended to help the local inhabitants.

He said that the Ministry of

the Mafraq region.

The district governor of Mazar has approved a JD 36,050 budget for the town, also near Karak. Most of the funds will be used for asphalting roads and lighting

#### Bani Kanana

In other financial matters, the Department of Municipal and Rural Affairs and Environment in Bani Kanana district announced that it spent a total of JD 38,800 on building schools and annexes m a number of vil-

The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment, he said, has allocated more funds for schools and a village council at Harima during the current year.

#### Mahes

The Mahes municipality last year spent JD 44,538 on municipal and public services, according to Mahes Mayor Jumaa Al Shibli. He said that most of the funds financed the construction of roads, purchasing municipality equipment and machinery and installing traffic lights.

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## **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One Sterling One U.S. dollar 1.2565/75 1.6575/85 1.8635/45 1.3665/75 34.77/80

5.6530/60 1231/1234-127.10/20 5.9030/80 6.3130/80 6.3450/3500 One ounce of gold 444.00/444.50

Swedisb crowns Norwegian crowns Danisb crowns U.S. dollars

## **LONDON STOCK MARKET**

LONDON (R) — Shares were down heavily in late afternoon

Thursday. The absence of this support washed through to the rest of the market and the background worries about the impact of sterling on Britain's trade came back to the fore, dealers said.

Egypt rushes to build gas power plants imposing power cuts in the big

open economy, one source said, but added: "while ministers may

have an important influence on

policy making, President Hafez

Assad and the party leaders play

marking the party's 25th

consume more than we produce."

The president, in a speech

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DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian reformists are locked in

fierce debate with a conservative old guard over how

to deal with pressing economic difficulties, diploma-

The first 720-megawatt gas tur-hine plant, to be built by West Germany's Kraftwerk Union A.G. firm under a \$140 million contract, could be working in 14 to 16 months, Abaza said.

He said be hoped negotiations with General Electric of the United States and Aisthom-Atlantique of France for two more gas turbine plants - financed balf hy Egypt, half from aid money — would be completed by the end of

Because of dronght in the Nile's East African catchment areas, Lake Nasser, behind the High Dam, is expected to reach the crisis level of 150 metres above sea level in July, before next season's flood.

"That means we will have oo standby, no reserves," Abaza said. "But we will try to keep it (the High Dam) on until... next year when we add the stations and we'll have no problem any Framatome.

diminishing revenues, foreign debt, high defence spending and failure to make the most of its agricultural base.

Syrians debate pressing economic difficulties

non required about \$1.5 billion in fresh investment, economic liberalisation and easing of state con-

"It's a matter of getting to grips with bad economic management sooner or later," one diplomat

anniversary in office, acknow-Another analyst estimated ledged the country faced probhousehold inflation over the past year at about 110 per cent and lems hut said they could be oversaid that over the same period "Our main problem is that we public sector salaries had slipped in real terms.

Diplomatic sources said last year's food imports were equiva-The sources listed the problems

facing Syria as inflation, lent in value to 50 per cent of Syria's total exports.

They said Syria owed the Soviet Union and East European countries some \$15 billing, mostly for arms such as the MiG-29 fighter and T-80 tank.

There are few signs of cuts in defence," a diplomat said. The sources estimated Syria's debt to the World Bank at \$350

other arrears of ahout \$100 mil-

million and said the country had

usual because Syria had a reputation for prompt repayment.

"Two years ago Syria earned about \$1 hillion in remittances

from expatriate workers and had other substantial sums flowing in," he said. "Now Syria gets some free and preferential oil from Iran, about

600 million from Saudi Arabia and very little else at a time when the international economic cli-mate is difficult," he noted.

One of the pillars of the economy has been oil production, estimated at 160,000 harrels per day (b/d) now and likely to rise to 200,000 h/d by the end of the

But the sources said output would fall early in the next decade unless new deposits were

## Taiwan plans fund to assist poor countries

TAIPE1 (AP) — The Taiwan government plans to set up a \$1 billion fund to aid developing countries and promote trade and economic cooperation, an official said Thursday. Wang Chao-Ming, deputy

chairman of the government's Council for Economic Planning and Cooperation, told reporters the council has approved a plan to set up the development fund to offer long-term low-interest loans.

"We are on the way to becoming a developed country and we have the responsibility to help less-developed countries to develop their economies," Wang

Taiwan, with an average annual economic growth rate of 8.5 per cent over the past decade, is one of Asia's four prospering newly industrialised countries, along with Hong Kong, Singa-

pore and South Korea. The fund will be used to finance education, manpower training, construction and other projects in developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin Amer-

He said the fund also will provide financial support to local

companies which plan to invest in those regions. Wang said Taiwan's main be-

nefit from the programme will be economic, as development pro-

jects may require Taiwan-made equipment. Under the plan, the fund will be given a budget of \$100 million in its first year of nperation,

Wang said. Additional funding in subsequent years is expected to bring the fund's total to \$1 billion, be said.

By Harris

## Governor points to farming potential in Sahab, Muwaqqar

AMMAN (Petra) - Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin said Thursday that nearly 2.3 million dunums of land within the Sahab and Muwaqqar district is useful for agricultural production, but has not been exploited so far.

Only half a million dunums of this area is being grown with trees and cereals a matter which ought to be examined and tackled to ensure more crop production, according to Amin. The governor was speaking at a general meeting held at Sahah during his inspection tour of the Sahab and Muwaqqar districts within

the Amman Governorate. Amin appealed to heads of municipal and village councils to shoulder more responsibility in promoting agricultural development in the two regions and said that growing crops can be expanded with

the employment of modern equipment.

At the meeting, District Governor Thougan Al Hussein outlined the district's development programmes and underlined the importance of the Sahab Industrial City which, he said, cost JD 19 million and now employs . 3,000 workers, 25 per cent of whom are from the Sahah and Muwaqqar regions.

## WEEKLY ANALYSIS

## **AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET**

AMMAN (Petra) — Activity at the Amman Financial Market (AFM) was extremely high during the past week,

The average volume of daily trading in the past week stood at JD 605,096 whereas the total volume amounted to JD 3,025,484 covering 4,509,412 shares carried through 3,416 transactions.

Trading in the industrial sector amounted to JD 2,429,559, registering 80.3 per cent of the total volume of trading, while the banking sector's trading volume was JD 383,032 (12.7 per cent), the services sector 5.9 per cent and the insurance sector 1.1 per Share prices of bank and services sectors stabilised in the past

week, but those of insurance showed a decline. In contrast, share prices in the industrial sector soared in the first part of the week but retreated in the last two days. The record closing price index was 117.6 points, up from 117.4

points at the start of the week, thus showing an 0.2 per cent gain.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1988

## PHILY HOROSCOPE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The modus operandi under which you have been proceeding for the past two days should be maintained. since this is just what is needed to insure movement in a positive direction. Think big and succeed.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) This moving is a good time to discuss your ambitions with a superior.

your ambittons with a superati-stay at home with your mate tonight, and get plenty of rest. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can learn some valuable shortcuts from an expert in your area of

cuts from an expert in your area of endeavor. If you make any criticisms, make them constructive.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)
Some special thought for your mate could bring you fine results, but if you purchase a gilt for this person, make sure it is practical.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul 21) When converging with a

Jul 21) When conversing with a business associate, make sure your facts and figures are correct. Avoid a troublemaker this evening. a troublemaker this evening.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You have been trying to solve problems on a "policy" level, but you'll have to get down to the basics if you're to have any positive results at all.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Let your talents be noticed by your superiors, and you can benefit greatly from them. Be extra cautious while driving today. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make my repairs to your home which you can bendle by yourself. Tonight

upbeat guests into your home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Any brainess dealings you have today can bring you better results
than usual, so be energetic and
apply yourself seriously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.
21) You have a habit of overspending, so learn to be more
economical. Set up a new budget
and save some money.

and save some money. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

If you work on improving your financial security, you will feel happier and more sure of yourself.

Work on improving your wardrobe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you have been promising your mate to take care of a tedious chore, stop putting it off before it becomes a serious bone of contention.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A trusted friend can give you some good advice on how to nttain your personal goals. Get together with pals for a favorite hobby.

business reacting to renewed sterling strength and profittaking on Thursday's oil sector-led gains, dealers said.

News Kuwait is not planning to take its current 21.28 per cent stake in B.P. above 22.5 per cent dampened much of the speculative support which pushed the oil sector ahead so strongly

By 1542 GMT the FTSE 100 was down 23 points to 1,811.6 after the low of 1,806.0 reached at 1520 GMT.

#### "No power cuts — tbat's my job. But I'm on the limit," he said

CAIRO (R) — Egypt is pumping \$250 million into quick-to-build gas turbine power plants to tide it over an electricity crisis caused by East African drought, a government minister said Thursday.

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They said Syria, which cele-

brated 25 years of Baatb Party

rule Tuesday, bad made great

strides in housing, education and

health but now faced tough

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"Within government and party

those who prefer a liberal approach and others favouring

administrative solutions are de-

bating what system is appropri-

Leading officials in the eco-nomy and trade ministries were

among those who backed a more

said a European specialist.

By July, low Nile River water levels are expected to cut half the output from the Aswan High Dam, source of 27 per cent of Egypt's power, Electricity Minister Maher Ahaza told Reuters.

Describing the crisis as serious, Abaza said it would drain power reserves but the government should be able to cope without

## Pakistan to cut foreign loans

ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistan announced plans to freeze defence spending and cut dependence on foreign loans in a thrust towards self-reliance during a five-year development plan starting in July.

Planning and Development Minister Mabhuhul Haq said spending on defence and administration would be frozen in the first year of the seventh five-year plan and increased only three per cent a year thereafter.

Defence cost \$2.53 billion in fiscal 1987/88, more than 38 per cent of the hudget.
Pakistan would borrow only 96

billion rupees (\$5.5 billion) abroad to finance the seventh plan, 17 per cent less than during tbe sixtb plan, Haq told a Sudanese pounds, more than twice the official exchange rate

briefing. He said the self-reliance drive would include increasing agricultural, industrial and domestic oil production, greater use of domestic coal, and a reduction in sugar and oilseeds imports. plan would

'privatisation" to belp ease goverament finances

It would cost 642 billion rupees (\$37 billion), 38 per cent more than the sixth plan.

The public sector would get 350 billion rupees (\$20 billion), only a 26 per cent increase compared with a 56 per cent rise to 292 billion rupees (\$16.7 billion) for the private sector.

Haq said foreign loans would be cut each year to reach two per cent of gross national product in fiscal year 1992/93 from 2.9 per cent in 1987/88.

Looking longer-term, Ahaza said Egypt would call tenders in May and July for four power stations to be fuelled with imported coal. They should go on stream by 1992-93.

Egypt produces oil and natural as. Industry experts reckon coal is more economical than oil unless crude prices, currently \$14 to \$15 a barrel, slump below \$10. 'If we buy coal and sell oil, the difference is to the benefit of the government of Egypt," Abaza

He said he hoped for a government decision by July on whether Egypt would build a nuclear power plant, after presentation next May of a safety report commis-sioned after the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident in the Soviet Union.

Bids for the nuclear plant were first submitted in 1983 and a decision bas been repeatedly postponed - most recently because of Chernobyl. The main bidders were Kraftwerk Union, the U.S. Westinghouse Electric and a consortium led by France's

## Sudanese pound plunges

economic woes worsened Thursday with the local currency plunging to a record low against the dollar on the black market amid speculation of a devaluation. The dollar traded at 10.8

introduced last October after a 44 per cent devaluation. Bankers said the dollar strengthened because of speculation, promoted by opposition newspapers but dismissed by the govment, that another devalua-

tion was under consideration. Economists attached to the embassies of major creditor nations said Sudan would be asked

to devalue at a meeting of creditors and donors in Paris in May. The bankers said demand for dollars was further hoosted by Muslims who need to finance Umra, the minor pilgrimage to

Mecca. Khartoum's unofficial foreign currency market is believed controlled by a handful of major dealers with an estimated \$500

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's million in circulation. Dnllars hrought home by an

estimated one million Sudanese employed ahroad keep the market alive. The bankers said the govern-

ment shortly would submit a parhamentary hill requiring expatriates to send \$100 to \$400 bome monthly through official chan-

However they said the move would have negligible impact on the economy unless part of a comprehensive programme to boost exports, curre at about \$500 million a year against an import bill of \$1.3 billion. ign debt of nearly \$12 billion

which it has not been able to service fully since the early 1980s. The treasury is sapped by a costly civil war in the south that

has raged unabated for nearly The fighting and a drought have steeply cut Sudan's 1987/88 barvest of food staples. Three

million of the country's 23 million

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## **Peanuts**









## Mutt'n' Jeff









## **Andy Capp**







# "I said, I'm going to quit my job and be a bellybutton ventriloquist!"

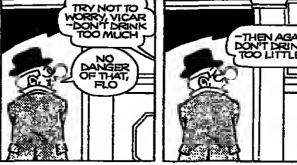
JUMBLE THAT SCRAMALED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee Unscramble these four Jumples SYNIH **NACYF** 

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The Daily Commuter Puzzle

# Noriega 'seeks' Qadhafi help in countering U.S. threats

LONDON (R) — Pananianian strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega has appealed to Libyan leader Muammar Cadhafi to help in countering U.S. military and economic pressure on Panama, Libyan television reported Thursday night.

It said Noriega, who is under rising pressure from Washington to stand aside, telephoned Qadhafi in Tripoli seeking Libva's support against American threats and aggression.

"During the telephone conversation, General Noriega asked the brother leader for the support of the great Jamahiriyah (Libya) for the Panamanian people and its backing for Panama against the American military aggression and economic threats which are directed against Fanama," said the report, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation

(BBC). The Libyan leader is an avowed opponent of the United States, which accuses him or sponsoring international ter-

The United States is strongly supporting ousted Panamanian President Eric Arturo Delvalle. who was dismissed by the Faramanian legislature when be thed to fire Noriega as Panama's military chief.

U.S. discusses economic moves

Meanwhile in Washington President Reagan and his top adrisers reviewed possible new economic moves against Noriega. but the White House was silent on the results of the delibera-

However, Assistant Secretary of State Eliiott Abrams, in testimony at a congressional hearing Thursday, said "the major finances" to target government finances" to put oressure on Noriega to step down.

Within the administration, I don't think there is any support for trade sanctions, it think this financial targetting is more likely



General Manuel Antonio Noriega

10 succeed," Ahrams said. "There was a meeting. I don't have anything to report," White House spokeswoman Leslye Arsht told reporters.

Other White House officials, who asked not to be identified, said that before the meeting Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz and other top administration figures would review options, including possible new economic sanctions



Colonel Muammar Qadhafi

Shultz told a congressional hearing Thursday that Panama's treasury was almost out of funds, and said the United States was considering ways to step up economic pressure on Noriega, who is under indictment in Florida on

drug-running charges.
"What is happening is that the government of Panama is finding its treasury empty," he said. The U.S. dollar is Panama's official



Christian Armenians demonstrate in Yerevan to demand unification with their brothers and sisters

## Tape reveals serious disorders in recent Azerbaijan clashes

MOSCOW (R) — A videotape recorded in the disputed Soviet region of Nagorno-Rarabakh provides the first documentary evidence of serious disorders there in late Fehruary. Western television correspondents said

They said the tape was brought to Moscow this week by Armenians who said they had also sent a copy to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to convince him of the gravity of events in the Azerbaijani region, mainly populated by ethnic Armenians.

Markings show the six-hour tape was shot from Feb. 24 to 26. when up to one million demonstrators in the Armenian capital of Yerevan were demanding that Nagorno-Karabakh, ruled by Azerbaijan since 1925, be reunited with Armenia.

The issue, one of the most serious challenges faced by Gorhachev since he took office three years ago, has sparked ethnic rioting resulting in at least 34 deaths.

Residents of Yerovan were planning a one-hour work steppage Friday to press their demand for reunification.

Officials in Stepanakert, the capital of Nagorno-Marabakh. have acknowledged that clashes broke out last month in the

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mountainous Transcaucasian region, but the authorities in Moscow have given few details of what occurred there.

Injuries, destruction

The tape shows residents of Stepanakert bandaged and bruised in hospital. Armenians who translated their comments said they claimed they were aitacked by graps of Azerbai-

The camera then pans to buildings gutted by fire and to vandalised cars an buses. Street signs show it is Stepanakert.

Inside one devastated house, a woman holds ep a charred por-trait of Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin and declares: "They even destroyed inis."

in another section, the tape shows a dense crowd massed in Stepanakert's main square jeering as Sovie: Fir & Vice-President our Demicrey tries to address the gathering.

Demichev, a non-voting mem-ber of the rating Polithero, and three other senior Kremlin officials were sent to Armenia and Azerbaijan as tensions mounted over the Nagorno-Karabakh

The tape shows local officials trying to stop the crowd from

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shouting him down. A carnival atmosphere seems to prevail, with people applauding from balconies and demonstrators wielding portraits of Gorbachev as

police stand calmly by. "Nothing can stop us from fol-lowing our path," said a slogan on one of the many banners held

The unrest in Transcaucasia

began last month when the local parliament in Nagorno-Karabakh defied the Kremlin by voting for reunification with Armenia. Seventy-five per cent of the

region's population are Armenians, who are traditionally Christian, while surrounding Azerbaijan is largely Muslim. Ethnic tension between the two groups predates the creation of the Soviet Union.

Top Kremlin officials are reviewing the Nagorno-Karabakh issue and a Soviet police team has been sent to the Azerbaijani town of Sumgait. where the worst rioting occurred, to track down parti-

'Over 1,500 Armenians killed' In a related development, an Armenian group in Cyprus, claimed Thursday that more than

1,500 Armenians were killed in the clashes. The Nicosia-based Armenian political organisation Tajnakchutun said in a statement that, hased on information it has received from the Soviet Union, "the violence against the Arme-

Simon Ainedjian, the organisation's spokesman, in an interview with the Associated Press identified the source of the claim as contacts in Soviet Armenia.

nian population has reached the

scale of a massacre.'

There was no way to verify the Tajnakchutun claim.

'Soviets to blame'

Also Thursday, in Strasbourg, France, the European Parliament charged that the Soviet government's "hrutal" suppression of minority rights in the Republic of Azerhaijan was to hlame for last month's ethnic riots.

In a resolution adopted by a show of hands, the parliament called on the Soviet Union to grant its people greater political and individual rights.

Without such freedoms, the text said, "no serious attempt hy the Soviet government to implement a programme of economic and administrative reforms can

## Campaign shifts north; Kemp quits

WASHINGTON (R) — The 1988 presidential contest, minus Jack Kemp and perhaps about to lose Gary Hart, has shifted to the northern industrial states begioning with next Tuesday's Illinois primary.

Vice-President George Bush who took a commanding lead in convention delegates with his sweeping Super Tuesday victory, could effectively wrap np the Republican nomination with a win in Illinois.

An ABC Television poll Thursday showed Bush leading Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole 58-31 per cent in Illinois.

The Democratic contest, apparently a tight hattle between Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, Tennessee Senator Albert Gore and hlack civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, is likely to remain cloudy even after Illinois, where home state Senator Paul Simon hopes to revive his flag-

ging campaign. Meanwhile, New York Representative Jack Kemp became the third Republican to drop out and former Colorado Senator Gary Hart scheduled a Friday press conference at which he was expected to withdraw from the Democratic contest.

"I'm folding up my tent, hut l want you to know I'm going to continue to carry the flag high into the future, Kemp said.

Kemp, who ran fourth in almost every Republican contest on Super Tuesday, said his weak showings were partly the result of Bush's ability to link himself with President Reagan.

"That isn't to demigrate George Bush. But it's simply to recognise that I was running against Ronald Reagan," he said.

The Democratic field appeared on the verge of shrinking to five with the expected withdrawal by

## **WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

EEC to continue funding of banned groups

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) said Thursday it will continue financial aid to South African opposition groups even though they have been banned by a government decree. EEC Commission Vice President Lorenzo Natali told the European Parliament the EEC has already paid 25 million European currency units (ECU) (\$30.5 million) to anti-apartheid groups and plans to spend another 20 million ECUs (\$24.4 million) this year. He said it was unclear to what extent the ban on opposition groups would affect EEC aid. "Nevertheless, the (EEC) commission is determined that the community's special programme will continue. The commission is shocked by the intolerance shown by the South African government to its own people and has urged (an end to) such actions, which serve to aggravate an already tense situation," he said.

#### Vietnamese premier reported dead

TOKYO (R) - Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Hung has died of heart disease, Kyodo news agency reported, quoting reliable sources in Hanoi. The agency, which has a correspondent in Hanoi, gave no further details immediately. A spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Ministry said the news had not been confirmed. Hung, 75, a prominent leader in the Viet Cong's war against Saigon and the United States, was the only southerner to rise to the heights of Vietnam's traditionally northern-dominated gov-

#### 11 die in south Indian elections

HYDERABAD, India (R) — At least 11 people were killed in clashes during elections for village councils in the south Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, police said Friday. They were killed Thursday during the first of four rounds of polling for more than 18.500 councils. More than 400,000 candidates are contesting 181,000 seats. Members of India's two Communist parties, the ruling regional Telugu Desam and the nationally-ruling Congress (I), were among those killed. A Telugu Desam Party leader and his four supporters were hacked to death with sharp-edged weapons in Guntur, and three Communists were similarly killed in Khammam district. A Congress Party supporter was shot dead hy his rivals in Cuddapah, and another died of knife wounds in Nellore. A Desam worker died of hullet wounds when police fired on angry crowds in Cuddapah.

#### Rescues at Bangladesh borders

DHAKA (R) — Hundreds of women and children are being smuggled ont of Bangladesh to be sold as prostitutes and as the source material for organ transplants. The Bangladesh Rifles, the border force that has been placed on maximum alert to stop the trade, has rescued more than 120 women and children and arrested at least 12 traffickers in the past formight, officials said Friday. Arrested traffickers told police most of the children, who were to be sold in India for about \$60, would be killed and their kidneys sold for transplants. The women, lured by promises of jobs, were destined for sale at between \$30 and \$100 each to brothel operators in India or Pakistan or even farther away. The last group of 28 women and children was saved Thursday as they were being taken to India through Bangladesh's northern border.

## S. Korean opposition merger bid collapses

SEOUL (R) - South Korea's opposition Friday appeared headed for certain defeat in next month's parliamentary election after one group said it had given up hope of forming a united anti-government front. Acting chief of the Reunification Democratic Party (RDP) Kim Myung-Yoon told a news conference the RDP was scrapping efforts to merge with the Party for Peace and Democracy (PPD) headed by veteran dissident Kim Dae-Jung. Political analysts said the opposition split, which let Roh Tae-Woo win the presidency last December, now seemed certain to hand him a workable majority in the new parliament.

## Aquino snubs Laurel

MANILA (R) - President Corazon Aquino has refused to name a caretaker to run the Philippines while she is out of the country this year, avoiding passing power to her rebellious vice-president. Aquino said Thursday she would govern the troubled country hy remote control through her executive secretary during trips to China and Hong Kong in April and Italy and Switzerland in June. "It seems that the president did not trust anybody," Vice-President Salvador Laurel said on radio Friday. Laurel earlier this week aligned himself to a new political grouping of disillusioned Aquino supporters and former hackers of deposed President Ferdinand Marcos. He has insisted the "Nation Movers" group is not against Aquino, despite the membership of several high-profile opposition figures. "The organisation is not opposing... but is aimed to help the government," Laurel said.

## Contras propose new peace talks

MIAMI (R) — Nicaragua's contra rebels proposed new peace talks with the Managua government starting on March 16 and said opposition leaders should attend as observers. Contra officials said Thursday they were prepared to meet with negotiators of the Sandinista government for talks aimed at "a national solution" to the country's civil war. The contras rejected an earlier government proposal to begin the talks this week in the town of Sapoa, near the Costa Rican border, saying the notice was too short and they were not prepared.

## Suharto reelected

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia's National Assembly urged President Suharto Friday to crack down on corruption and ahuse of power, strengthen democracy and reinforce the legal system during his next five-year term of

The 66-year-old president, who has ruled the world's largest Muslim nation for the past 22 years, was sworn in by the assembly Friday morning for a fifth con-secutive term which will keep him in power until 1993.

Assembly Speaker Kharis Suhud said in an address that priority should be given to streng-thening law enforcement and democracy, staunching what he called "leakages and the waste of state resources and finances, and providing a stronger legal hasis for the country's development.

President Subarto is under pressure during the coming five years to relax his tight grip on politics and freedom of expression in the same way that he has started to deregulate the country's protected economy.

## **Prince** Charles escapes lethal avalanche

DAVOS, Switzerland (Agencies)

— Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, Friday visited the hospital bed of a woman injured in a Swiss skiing accident that killed one of his best friends and almost claimed bis own life. Prince Charles's beige Audi car swept past a crowd of British press photographers gathered in a hlizzard outside the hospital where the woman, Patty Palmer Tomkinson, a close friend, was

Prince Charles escaped unscathed after an avalanche hit his six-strong skiing party Thursday as they made their way across an unmarked slope near the picturesque eastern Swiss resort of

Major Hugh Lindsay, a close friend of the prince and former equerry to Queen Elizabeth, was killed by the avalanche.

Tomkinson, although dragged 400 metres down the slope hy the snow, was still alive when she was dug out by the party and flown to the hospital with severe leg in

Prince Charles's wife Diana and his sister-in-law, the Duchess of York, were safely in their chalet when the accident occurred at around 3 p.m.

in another development, a helicopter from a British warship that includes Prince Andrew among its crew crashed into the sea off Portugal, killing two crew members, a British embassy official said Friday.
Prince Andrew, the second son

of Oueen Elizabeth, was not among the victims of the Thursday crash, the spokesman told the Associated Press.

Sally Osborne, a press officer at the British emhassy in Lisbon, said: "We understand two bodies were recovered from the sea at the site of the accident during the night."

She said she did not know whether Andrew was on board

#### Anesthesia recommended for circumcisions

CHICAGO (R) - Circumcision, the only elective surgery routinely performed without anesthesia. should be done with a pain killer because of evidence that babies suffer during the procedure, a study said Thursday. Doctors at Group Health Inc. and the University of Minessota in Minneapolis said they based the conclusion on blood tests from newly-circumcised habies. Those who received an injection of Lidocaine, a local anesthetic, at the base of the penis had signifi-cantly lower levels of cortisol in their blood, they said. The substance is an indicator of physiological distress. In addition the researchers reported that the use of the anesthesia is safe. The study was published in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association. There is no doubt that circumcisions are painful for the haby." the study said.

## WHO launching sex survey

LONDON (R) — People in dozens of countries will be asked how they make love, how often and with whom under a World Health Organisation (WHO) survey aimed at curbing the spread of AIDS, a WHO official said Thursday. Dr. Mannel Carballe, a Spanish WHO official at an AIDS conference in London, said the information would be used to help countries in their national education campaigns against AIDS. "We believe in the last 20 years there have been big changes in patterns of sexuality. There is a connection between sexual behaviour and HIV. (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) infection and we need to identify these patterns in order to target our AIDS education campaigns," he said. Starting in May, surveys will be sent to samples of about 1,600 people in East and West African countries, Latin America, Australia, the Philippines, Thailand, Belgium, Greece and Spain, Car-ballo said. "We're looking at how often people have sex outside stable unions, what sort of sex they have and how far they'll travel for it," Carbailo said.

## Condom plan for Seoul Olympics

SEOUL (AP) — A proposal to distribute condoms at the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul to comhat AIDS is being studied. officials said Friday. Seoul Olym-pic Organising Committee (SLOOC) officials said they are considering plans to provide con-doms at the athletes village and at stadinms and other sports facilities. South Korean health anthorities are concerned that the 270,000 foreign visitors expected for the games could help spread AIDS in the country: The government recently ruled out sug-gestions that all Olympic participants and visitors should be required to take AIDS tests.

## Student strangles parents

PEKING (R) — A Chinese student, fearing his family would stop paying his tuition after he was caught cheating in an examination, strangled his parents to death a Standard his parents to death, a Shanghai newspaper reported. The Liberation daily said Wang Lin, a 19-year-old student at an industrial college in the eastern city of Nanjing. strangled his mother while she was cooking lunch and his father, while he was asleep. The newspaper said Wednesday that Wang was being held by police

# Andy Gibb passes

LONDON (AP) — Andy Gibb, who followed his brothers, the Bee Gees, to pop stardom but saw his career falter after he became heavily involved with drugs, died Thursday at the age of 30. The English-born Gibb died at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, northwest of London, at-8:45 a.m. (0845 GMT), a hospital statement said. The cause of death was not given, according to a spokesman for Island Records Ltd. who spoke on condition of not being identified. Press Association, the domestic British news agency, said Gibb was admitted to the hospital Monday, discharged, and readmitted Wednesday night after complaining of stomach pains, Gasti, who at times sang in a falsenn voice. had a string of hits in the late 1970s and early 1980s and was twice nominated for Grammy

## Panamanians say Noriega ouster not enough, Delvalle solution may not work legitimate leader and is applying

By Douglas Grant Mine The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY — Many prominent Panamanians say the na-tion's entire system needs changing, not just the leader, and even if General Manuel Antonio Noriega steps down, the United States may be backing the wrong replacement.

Eric Arturo Delvalle, the ousted president Washington supports, tried to dismiss Noriega on Feh. 25 as commander of the Panama Defence Forces. Noriega arranged for the legislature to dismiss Delvalle instead, and the political and economic crisis has deepened since.

The United States is mistaken in putting so much behind Delvalle," said Luis Moreno, former manager of Chase Manhattan Bank's local operations and until January 1987 a member of the government banking commission. Moreno, an independent, met regularly with the president and cabinet ministers.

"Delvalle and his people are spent," he said. "Noriega is laughing at this rallying behind Delvalle, saying 'This guy can't

hring me down. The Reagan administration continues to recognise Delvalle, now in hiding, as the country's

economic pressure in an effort to get him hack in office. Noriega was indicted in the

United States last month on narcotics and money-laundering charges, which he denies. Washington portrays him as little more than a gangster and has indicated the economic pressure will end if he steps down or is removed.

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Roderick Esquivel, who was Delvalle's vice president and was removed with him, said: "The object is not to change the face on the regime, hut to dismantle an entire corrupt and repressive apparatus of state." Esquivel. who also is in hiding, made the comment during an interview at a

A former top official who left the government in a dispute with Nonega said: "In order to achieve democracy, it is the structure that bas to be hroken, not Mr. Noriega.

"The colonels and majors are involved in the same businesses he (Noriega) is involved in. That implies a great degree of soli-

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executive and legislative branches of government through the two political parties linked to them and all judges are political appointees, including the supreme court justices.

"Not only does the military

control the three hranches of government, hut it also controls the fourth estate, the media," said the former official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Noriega has closed all opposition media: three newspapers, two radio stations and a television

Many people ask why Deivalle, who bad followed Noriega's orders until the February revolt, is seen as the man to change

"Delvalle is important in that he changed the sense of hemispheric support for the government (with his attempt to depose Noriega), hut he has always been on the sidelines," said Roberto Brenes, a leader of the National Civil Crusade.

The Crusade, an alliance of about 200 business, professional, labour and political organisations, has led opposition to Noriega since it was formed last June.

On Monday, it joined opposi-

tion and transition. The document they issued did not say Delvalle would head such a government, hut recognised him as "be who exercises the office of president." Questions about what will and

should happen next also dominate the daily lives of average citizens in this country, which has the Panama Canal as an integral part of its economy and uses U.S. dollar as its national currency. Miguel Correa, a truck driver, noted that Delvalle, like others of

Noriega's recent critics, had been involved in his regime.
"Why the sudden change of heart, when they were all part of

the same dirty business?" he said. Among Noriega's accusers are retired General Ruben Paredes, his predecessor as defence forces commander, Jose Blandon, a former top adviser; and retired col-onel Roherto Diaz Herrera.

Noriega's former chief of staff. The joint statement by the Crusade and the opposition parties said Delvalle, by his actions, "committed himself to the changes necessary for establishment of a legitimate democracy."

This caution came from the former high official: "The more time that passes, the less viable becomes the Delvalle solution." -awards.

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